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Groundbreaking ceremony at the Hebrew Academy, Sunday, Sept. 15. From left to right: David Fogle, Libby Fogle, Gisela Weisz, Michael Hasten, Jerry Kurlander, Academy

President Hart N. Hasten, Sheldon Friedman, Mark Hasten, Carl Cohen, Zoltan Weisz and Al Mordoh.

### An eternal time capsule planted at Hebrew Academy ceremony

Amid a festive display of flags and balloons, several hundred people gathered Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15 for groundbreaking ceremonies at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction on the school's south wing, which will include 24 new classrooms, a community Judaica museum and library, and expanded facilities for science, art and computer science.

A chorus of Academy children opened the program with singing, as uniformed boy and girl scouts marched with American and Israeli flags.

The ceremony, held the afternoon before Rosh Hasha-

nah, included an address by Academy president Hart N. Hasten, and remarks by Academy Foundation president Zoltan Weisz, Parent-Teacher Auxiliary president Rene Goodman, and education director Raymond Stern. Greetings from the administration were brought by Sylvia Blain, and from the student body by Shaina Ettinger and Michael Nurok.

Academy past-president Mark Hasten presented a time capsule to be planted beneath the building as a permanent record of the institution's accomplishments. Dr. Anita Heppner Plotinsky, development director of the Academy Foundation,

thanked volunteers for their work on the 1985 building campaign, and Carl Cohen spoke movingly about the significance of the new Jewish museum, which will be the first in Indiana.

Guests for the occasion included Rabbis Chaim Fischweicher, Abraham Grossbaum, David Korb, Dennis Sasso and Jonathan Stein. Academy alumni, home for the holiday, were also welcomed and invited to turn shovelfuls of earth.

After the ceremony, guests adjourned to the school lobby, where an artist's rendering of the new wing was on display. Refreshments were served by members of the Auxiliary.

### Israel Bond Dinner

## Halevy says Israel in 'serious trouble'

By MIRIAM COHEN

Gen. Yehuda Halevy, president of the worldwide Israel Bond Organization, said Sunday evening that Israel is in "serious trouble" and that inflation is now the country's greatest danger. "We are in serious trouble," Halevy said. "We must control inflation because inflation is the greatest danger."

The major problem that Israel faces today is its economic condition, he said. Halevy noted that: "about 28 cents of every dollar goes to the military budget."

"The Yom Kippur war cost Israel \$12 billion; the war in Lebanon put the country in additional debt," Halevy said.

In a country where the budget is stretched as thin as possible and where cuts have been made in defense, education and other areas, a unified government has struggled to overcome its problems, Halevy told those gathered at B'nai Torah for an Israel Bond fund-raising dinner.

"I prefer to be strong and unpopular," Halevy said. "Jerusalem is not the capital of Israel because of the resolution of the United Nations but despite the resolution of the UN."

"As a military man," Halevy added, "I can tell you that nothing is more dreadful than war." Israel, he said, opposes new U.S. arms sales to Jordan. He added that from past experience Israel knows that Jordan would use those arms against Israel. For instance, more than 100 tanks were captured by Israel during the Six Day War. "We don't want to capture those tanks," Halevy added, "we want to live in peace."

Halevy said Israel had hoped that after the Camp David agreement something more promising would develop. The fact that the Is-

raeli flag flies in Cairo is good, he said, but, it is not enough.

"I am an optimistic man," Halevy said. "Israel is a nation. Israel is not a superman. Superman is fiction and a nation is reality. And in reality, everything happens."

Halevy said to remember where Israel was 40 years ago and where they are today. Today, the nation is exporting over \$13 billion. Today, the state has developed an effective infrastructure of science and technology. According to Halevy, Fortune 500 listed Israel as a growing technological power and role model for the U.S.

The future of Israel is dependent on its economic development and the Israel Bonds Organization has been a major source of investment capital for the State. The dinner Sunday night was an opportunity for local residents to pledge additional funding to Israel.

However, Halevy made it clear that although "we are very appreciative of what the U.S. has done for us" it is a two way street. There is a strong sense of give and take and the U.S. needs friends like Israel, Halevy added.

Halevy said he is proud of the country that "saved his life." He was born in the slums of Shanghai, China, and he is thankful to Israel for allowing him to "become a general — a Jewish general in a Jewish State."

Governor Orr was among the crowd of prominent businessmen and community leaders present at the dinner. He gave a short address noting a thanks to the community for "the inspiration you give to your fellow Hoosiers and to your government."

## Women's Conference has opening meeting

The opening meeting of Women's Conference will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 1985 at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Laura Rich. Invitations are being extended to the Women's Advisory Committee, (included are: Past Presidents of Women's Division and Past Campaign Chairpersons), Women's Division Campaign Leadership and Presidents of all Jewish Women's organizations.

Carol Metzger will hold a workshop on "Problem Solving" at the organizational level. The purpose of this workshop is to identify problems which prevent the system from attaining the goals it desires.

Ms. Metzger facilitates training and consultation to local businesses and organ-

izations through Carol Metzger and Assoc. She was initially involved with Marion County Juvenile Court and The Child Guidance Clinic of Marion County. She has a B.A. from Marion College and a M.S.W. from Indiana University.

The Women's Conference officers include: Leah Redish, president; Patti Dann, vice president; Renny Silver, secretary.

This meeting, which combines all women who have leadership roles in 1985 and 1986, serves as a reminder of our common goals... "the continuity of Jewish life here and abroad."

Please call the Federation office at 637-2473 with your reservation.

## I HEARD IT ON TUESDAY

## 500 attend gala evening of elegance

By GISELA WEISZ  
255-5019

**THE BEST:** A party — the likes of which has never been experienced in Indianapolis before — took place last Saturday at the Radisson



hotel. On Sept. 14 under the chairmanship of Dr. Douglas P. Zipes and Mr. P. E. MacAllister, 500 guests joined together for a gala evening of elegance, to benefit the Marion County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

A half-a-dozen strolling violinists walked about splendidly appointed tables, while guests in their fineries — reflecting the latest styles — men in tails or tuxedos, women in gowns, enjoyed tasty fares. The menu held courses like "Terinne de Crevettes Parisienne — Sauce a l'Ameth (a fish pate); Caneton roti de 'Long Island' Sauce au Grand Marnier (roast duck); and Charlotte a la Russe (a cream filled cake).

Each lady received a flask of Lagerfeld perfume as a souvenir.

Musicians by the name of "Golden Strings" had their Indiana premier performance that evening and from 9:30 p.m. Paul Berns & His Orchestra provided the most enjoyable and eclectic music for dancing.

To delight the eyes and ears, as well as the palate, was the procession of the cake-bearing waiters. After an attention-getting fanfare from the orchestra, forty waiters, dressed alike in white jackets, bow ties and white gloves — each gracefully balancing a platter of a huge billowy white cake on his shoulder — marched in formation on the dance floor, stepping in unison. At a given moment each turned and slowly — always in step with the music — took direction toward his destined tableside, where one waiter for each table sliced and served the sweets.

Participating in this event, which was a first for the Hoosier capital, were Lorna and Harold Aron, Rachel and Hormoz Broumand,

Pat and Dr. Gary Becker, Alice and Leonard Berkowitz, Janet and Dennis Dann, Barrie and Dr. Gary Fisch, Marcia and Dr. Jon Fisch, June and Dr. Charles Fisch, Phyllis and Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum, Caroline and Fritz Goldbach, Linda and Jack Klausner, Louise and Ted Klein, Margo and Harry Katz, Lee and Isadore Katz, Joan and Leonard Larman, Dr. Louise and Dr. Neil Levine, Diane and Mannie Leve, Illene and Mickey Maurer, Erin and Edward Peachin, Millie and Bernard Perry, Bonnie and Dr. Eric Prytowsky, Lee and Dr. Charles Redish, Cantor Janice and Brandon Roger, Diane and Herb Simon, Janine and Jeff Smulyan, Inda and Milt Singer, Alberta and Sherman Weinstein, Gisela and Zoltan Weisz, Sara and Dr. Mike Zeckel, Joan and Dr. Douglas Zipes and many others.

GRAND ENTRANCE: Leslie Enoch, daughter of Madra  
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## Brian Stein to be Bar Mitzvah

Brian Stein, son of Jeff and Susan Stein, will become Bar Mitzvah at services on Oct. 5 at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Brian attends Westlane School and his activities include bowling and swimming.

Attending the ceremony will be Julius Labuzan and Mary Martin, Brian's maternal grandparents from Indianapolis. Also from here are Brian's paternal grandparents, Selma and Nate Stein.

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## New York pianist performs in city

By MIRIAM COHEN

The Indianapolis-based Beethoven Foundation featured star pianist Michael Lewin in its recent Piano Discovery Series II. Lewin said in a telephone interview after his performance at the Indiana Repertory Theater last Wednesday that he views Indianapolis "like a home away from home at this point. It's nice to return to a place you've been before which is one of the things I like about coming to Indianapolis."

The 29-year-old New York pianist has already performed twice this summer in July with the Indianapolis Symphony.

In addition, Lewin has been heard throughout much of the United States and Europe. He made his

New York recital debut in December, 1984, at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. "It was a life long dream to make the debut and to make it there and to really have it done right," Lewin said. "It was very special."

He began his studies at the age of six with Edmund Arkus. He studied under Irwin and Lillian Freundlich while earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. Lewin has won grants from the U.S. State Department and the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund for Music, and he has won many national competitions as well.

Lewin was born in New York of American and Israeli parents. His father has

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## Peachin and Thomas exchange vows

Jody Michelle Peachin became the wife of Terry Bryant Thomas on Sept. 1, at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Rabbi Jonathan Stein officiated at the 6:30 ceremony. Reception and dinner followed at the Broadmoor Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Peachin, Indianapolis, and granddaughter of Mrs. Irving Opie, Evansville, Ind. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. John Bryant Thomas, Melbourne Beach, Fla. and the late Mrs. Thomas.

Matron of Honor at the ceremony was Louise McAndrew, New York. Bridesmaids were Jo Campanale, Indianapolis; Valerie Bess, St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Michael Peachin, New York.

The groom's twin brother,



Jody Michelle Peachin

Jerry Thomas, Melbourne Beach, Fl. was best man. Ushers were Tom Hinkes, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Michael Peachin, New York; and Floyd McKay, Melbourne Beach, Fl.

The future Mrs. Thomas wore her mother's wedding dress, a candlelight silk-satin gown, ornamented with Alencon lace. The floor

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## Goodman to speak at luncheon

Judi Passon, newly elected president of Sunflower Chapter of Women's American ORT has issued a warm invitation to members and guests to attend its opening luncheon to be held at the Woodland Country Club, 100 Woodland Land in Carmel at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Dr. Mason Goodman,

medical director at Winona Hospital, will speak on the timely subject of "AIDS".

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**FLASH!** The vivacious Jody Michelle Peachin (Earle and Marilyn) and the popular Terry Bryant Thomas, exchanged marriage vows on Sept. 1st at IHC, which made them "one"-derfull! A charming couple! Congrats Jody and Terry!.....

**FLASH!** Bob Baernkopf, bowling in the B'nai B'rith Sunday morning league, smashed the pins for a 221-198-245, or a 664 total (actual) and with his handicap, was 763! Congrats Bob! (One day I bowled 300, but it took me all day to do it!)..... Here's an add-on! I remember when the Broadmoor gals had a bowling league! It was great fun! How about it, gals, would be a terrific winter sport!.....

**FLASH! Birthday greet-**  
ings to Frieda Fivel, Sept.  
22nd, Cornelia Doner, Sept.  
26, Joseph Price, Sept. 14,  
Margaret Goldman, Sept. 19  
and to Sylvia Marks, Sept.  
19th! Congrats to all!.....  
Is this better than a sleeping  
pill? — Hear about the acro-

bat with the circus, who married this "tattooed" woman, because he said, "If I get up in the middle of the night and can't sleep, I can sit up and look at pictures! (probably re-runs!)"

**FLASH!** I like this one! The carpet man once was followed to work by a flock of chickens! They heard that he was going to lay a rug and they wanted to see how he did it! (those chickens should have followed me to see how I laid an "egg" with these jokes! And that's no "yoke!" either!).....and another chuckle! A Drunk addressed himself to a splendidly uniformed bystander. "Shay, call me a cab, will ya?" The splendidly uniformed bystander smiled and replied, "My good man, I'm not a doorman; I am a naval officer!" "In that case," said the drunk, breathing heavily, "get me a boat! I gotta get home somehow!"

**FLASH! Welcome to won-**  
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## Peachin and Thomas exchange vows

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length silk illusion veil emerged from a crowning circlet of satin pearls, decorating her hair. She carried a bouquet of selected stephanotis tube roses and Joanna hill roses.

The bridesmaids wore teal-length dresses of cerise moire, fashioned with long sleeves and full skirts. They carried arrangements of rubrum lillies, minuet roses and tube roses. Decorations were of cerise and pink colors.

Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Indiana University. Up to her wedding she was employed in Media Sales, WOR-TV, New York City.

Mr. Thomas has an MBA degree from the Florida Technical Institute and he is a senior account supervisor with Young & Rubicam Advertising, Houston, Texas.

After their wedding trip to the Isla De Mujeres, Mexico, the newlyweds will be at home at 2400 Yorktown Apartments, #49, Houston, Texas.

## Pianist performs in city

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since passed away, but his mother has just published her first novel titled "I, Anna." His brother is a violinist with the Charleston Symphony in South Carolina and has recently been appointed concert master.

Lewin burst upon the international scene in Russia at the 1982 Tchaikovsky Competition. Now a big Moscow audience favorite, his performances caused great public excitement and won critical acclaim.

"I felt very close to the Russian people," Lewin said. "They are a fantastic audience. They know all about music and are very responsive and very involved."

As a representative from

America's Tchaikovsky Competition, Lewin was treated well but, he added, "It's difficult to be in the Soviet system — it's very repressive. It's difficult to just exist there."

After he returned home, he won the top prize at the 1982 Maryland International Piano Competition, playing the Tchaikovsky Concerto in the Gala Winners Concert. It was in 1983 that he won the Beethoven Foundation Piano Fellowship, a three-year career and performance award.

As for the future, Lewin said, "I have a steadily growing career and I hope it continues that way, everything will sort of follow in place."

## CRITIC'S CORNER

### 'Jagged Edge' sharp drama

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

Glenn Close and Jeff Bridges head a superlative supportive cast in the new mystery thriller courtroom drama "Jagged Edge". This



on being unbelievable. These soap opera sections tend to slow down the movie until the courtroom scenes which really are the meat of the story.

Peter Coyote plays an ambitious prosecuting attorney who lets nothing stand in his way to get ahead politically. He too was on the team with Glenn Close which directly participated in the conviction of an innocent man. His courtroom methods are to be watched very closely.

Robert Loggia is Close's friend. She depends upon him for his extraordinary investigative ways. Their unusual relationship is magic on the screen even though their dialogue is filled with four letter words.

John Dehner portrays a crusty old judge who must prevent this courtroom case from turning into a circus. In this typical Wilford Brim-

ley role John Dehner is absolutely marvelous. He and Robert Loggia keep this film from being a bogged down normal drawn-out drama.

The tense script was written by Joe Eszterhas who also wrote F.I.S.T. and Flashdance. His previous investigative reporting experience gives authenticity to this complicated story.

I shall have to admit though the final sequence confused me. Either I missed some important dialogue or something happened to divert my attention. I had to ask a few people who the killer was. His face was right there on the screen and I did not recognize him. I got three different answers. It seems some other people had my same dilemma.

However "Jagged Edge" is so well done and so sharp it deserves Close scrutiny. It Bridges the gap between mediocrity and a good film.

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## Norm Weisman

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derful newcomers, Bruce and Leslie Schechter, who recently moved to Indy from Philadelphia, Pa.! A handsome couple, who will add prestige to our community! Bruce is associated with the Purdue University College of Pharmacy, as an Assistant Professor of Chemical Pharmacy, and is working at the Medical Center! Nice having you both, Bruce and Leslie, aboard!.....Love this! Johnny was having a wonderful time with crayons and a sheet of paper! Mother came in and asked what he was drawing! He answered, "I'm making a picture of God!" Surprised, but very curious, the fond parent queried, "How can you do that? No one in the world knows what God looks like!" "Well," replied the artist, with assurance, "they will when I get through!"

FLASH! Notice! The New Years holiday is here, so when you wish anyone "Happy New Year," say it with a smile! Think of these few lines! "Better by far you should forget and 'smile', than that you should remember and be sad!.....My apologies to Leo Bearman, for omitting his name in my previous write up on the NFL (not for ladies) bowlers, on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Am I forgiven, Leo?

FLASH! Here's a one-liner and does it fit any group you know? — A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done!.....Birthday greetings to Sophie Klapper, Sept. 11th, Blanche Ladin, Sept. 13 and to Bernie Kohn, Sept. 14th! Hope they were happy celebrations!.....Mazeltov to Jerry and Esther Krienik, who celebrated their 2nd Anniversary and to Gabe and Helen Cohen, who anniversary on Sept. 23rd! And another special Anniversary Greeting to Dr. and Mrs. Edward Berman! And a special belated Birthday greeting to a very lovely gal, liked by all, Janet Wagman! And happy 24th anniversary to Rosalie and Elliott Gussow (and they said it wouldn't last!)

FLASH! Please accept my "cute" way of telling members of the Temples (that sit in the front rows) that during Services, people behind you, are talking "behind your back"!.....FLASH! Don't tell Sid Tuchman (a swell guy) that I said this, but do you know that Sid plays the piano? Ask him!.....Another tee hee! A male elephant (as a female elephant passes by) let out a loud "Wow". A perfect 258-297-314!"

FLASH! — I like this one too! A Hollywood star was being a bore about her next role! She gushed, "I was 'made' for the part!" And a listener yelled out "Shhhh, do you have to tell everybody?".....FLASH! Drop in for

lunch or dinner and see how attractive the newly remodeled and redecorated "North Meridian Inn" (16th and Meridian) is, and the beautiful outdoor eating area beside the pool! It is a pleasurable experience to dine in the lovely dining room or the outside pool eating spot! Linda Melrose, one of the owners and great hostess, will guarantee your comfort — and the food is delicious! (I hear that the outdoor dining room will soon be ceiling-covered!) Best wishes, Linda, and shall be joining you for lunch again, soon!.....(reminds me — if the plan to build an Indy "topless" baseball arena is carried out, it will be saving a lot of money! With no top, they won't have any "over-head"!)

FLASH! It was a thrill to see our own Gerald Kraft, the B'nai B'rith International President, home for the holidays, and his adorable wife

"Cookie"! Jerry is doing a great job, for us, around the world. Best wishes, guy!

FLASH! Last week I wrote about the "patron" tickets for the terrific IHC "Ankles Away '85" show! You will enjoy all the goodies that come with the "patron" advantage, and will enjoy the show tremendously, so call the ticket chairman, Stuart Engleberg, 872-5422 and get more info! Also be sure to get your tickets for any of the performances, as they are going fast! More big surprises coming up!.....Welcome back, Dona Schuchman, from your "western" vacation at the J & J Ranch in Rothbury, Michigan! Bet you had fun!.....And again, "Shalom" to you all, and I say this with a "smile"!

FLASH! Woman customer to furrier, "Could you have the coat delivered with the price tag still on it to my neighbor, Mrs. Flegenheimer, by mistake?"

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## Young claims views distorted in interview

The recent interview between journalist Edwin Black, author of "The Transfer Agreement," and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young in which Young stated that he agreed with "nine-tenths" of Louis Farrakhan's thinking has led to a backlash by both of the participants.

In a statement published in the Southern Israelite, Mayor Young states: "Through omission, untruth, and editorializing on words and phrases out of context, he (Edwin Black) has done a tremendous disservice... to all people of good will in America who seek to build

bridges of understanding in our diverse multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society."

In Blacks' original interview with Young which touched on a number of subjects, including the Mideast, affirmative action, South Africa and Young's resignation from the position of U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, perhaps the most controversial was his statement that Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, is "a legitimate player in the mainstream of black ideas" making "a very positive contribution."

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## AJCongress, Shamir trade barbs

JERUSALEM — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir got a dressing down from a national Jewish organization when he accused them of interfering in Israel's foreign affairs.

A group of American Jewish Congress leaders had paid a visit to President Mubarak and King Hussein. That brought a charge that the

"peanut-size organization" had trespassed on Israel's primacy as peace negotiator and as representative of "the Jewish people on Jewish problems." The latter riled the Congress more than the former accusation because "it assumes that a complete lack of independence on the part of the Jewish communities and Jewish life elsewhere."

## ADL backs down

# No suit against Wiesenthal Center, Perlmutter states

By JEAN HERSCHAF

NEW YORK — The leadership of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has backed away from an earlier statement that it was planning to file suit against California over the \$5 million hate grant to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for the construction of a Holocaust Memorial on Yeshiva University property. The original statement was made by Seymour Reich (P.O. Sept. 18), ADL's civil rights chairman and B'nai B'rith International vice president.

In a telephone interview, Nathan Perlmutter, executive head of the ADL, called Reich's remark "a casual statement that should not be elevated to the resonance of policy." Reich originally disclosed the ADL's plans to bring a suit in response to a question after a talk at Temple Beth El in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn.

In addition, while Mr. Sinansky, director of the ADL law department, indi-

cated that at best the remark was premature. "Decisions to litigate are made by appropriate committees," he said. "The issue has not come up for review at this time." Perlmutter added that he believes "it did not merit litigation."

Reich, a leading New York attorney, conceded that when he omitted three important words: "by due process" (would litigation be taken). "I was personally convinced at the time of my statement and remain personally convinced now that after due process by ADL, legal action will follow in the matter."

Speaking at Temple Beth El, Reich said that he believed the American Jewish Committee and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NACRAC) may join in the law suit. However, Dr. David Gordis, American Jewish Committee executive vice president said, "I doubt

that AJC will enter into a law suit on the matter." At the same time, he strongly condemned the Simon Wiesenthal Center's role in the controversial issue.

"It is a poor public policy," Gordis said, "The project should not draw on state funds. Clearly it gives the wrong signal to other sectarian groups. Private funds should solely be used in erecting the project on religious grounds."

Earlier, Sam Rabinov, AJC's legal department head, said that strong opposition to the state grant had come from its West Coast office, but, he added that no AJC branch could enter into legal action unilaterally. "All matters must go through rigorous routine procedures before any action is voted on pro and con," Rabinov said.

Similarly, Albert Chernin, NACRAC executive director, noted that the San Francisco

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## COVER STORY

# Behind the scenes at Nairobi: the inside story

By ROBERTA F. REISMAN

**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 11:00 P.M.** We have been waiting for this moment ever since we arrived in Nairobi. For some of us, it has been nearly three weeks. The session, in which the U.N. Women's Conference will vote whether to include Zionism as racism in the final document, began at 10:00 this morning. After 13 hours, the waiting has become unbearable.

The events leading up to this moment had traced a path of steady erosion for Zionism's place among international women's issues.

In 1975, when the Women's Decade was declared by the United Nations, three major conferences were scheduled to register progress. The first was held in Mexico City,

the second in Copenhagen, and the final gathering in Nairobi. The earlier events were marked by systematic politicization, anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist outbursts, and little advancement on women's issues. Nairobi was expected to be different.

During these 10 years, the women's movement learned

to bring attention to its cause and utilize its growing international momentum. Concerned women were now more skilled in the politics and procedures of international conferences, enabling them to translate these proceedings into concrete programs. Here in Nairobi, it was felt, the urgency of problems confronting Africa and women could not be swept aside by anti-Zionist and other political rhetoric.

For Israeli and other Jewish women, the decade had helped to shape a common identity and consciousness. The Jewish women were completely unprepared for the head-on attack on Mexico City. Stunned, we watched as the majority of women there enthusiastically approved the pronouncement equating Zionism with racism. Copenhagen was an even more bru-

tal battleground, and Jewish women had yet to learn their lessons.

### U.S. support

In contrast, the American and European Jewish communities had prepared them-

selves well for Nairobi, including a preparatory conference held last summer in Paris under the sponsorship of the ADL and B'nai B'rith Women. In Israel, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conducted three workshops for

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## Jewish aides at Vatican

Professor Daniel Carpi of Tel Aviv University has been invited to help organize the first center for Jewish studies at the Vatican's Gregoriana University in Rome, it was announced this week. The invitation sets a new precedent in Israeli academic relations with the Holy See, which has no diplomatic ties with Israel. Prof. Carpi, who recently completed three years as director of the Chaim Rosenberg School for Jewish Studies at Tel Aviv University, will spend the fall semester at Gregoriana, where he will give a course on the Jewish communities of Western Europe and the Mediterranean from the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 to the beginning of the Zionist movement.

## From the Hebrew press

Amnon Levi and Haim Gariel in Hadashot: Prime Minister Shimon Peres revealed yesterday at the Knesset Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security that he is preparing to undertake a new political initiative shortly. MK Rafael Eitan commented that there's no hurry since "haste makes waste." Peres cut him: "Look what happened with Egypt in the last three years."

Peres then presented four possible scenarios: the first — a Syrian-Russian-Golan Heights package: a compromise over the Golan Heights in return for Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union. The second — a Jordanian-Palestinian-American package beginning with autonomy and followed by withdrawal from the territories. The third — an Israeli-Palestinian package — direct negotiations with the Palestinians. The fourth scenario — dragging your feet. Peres said that one has to be prepared for any eventuality including the hypothetical possibility that the PLO would recognize 242 and 338. "What do we do then?"



**ARSON?**—The third business in the past few weeks in the Mea She'arim neighborhood of Jerusalem to be destroyed by fire is shown above. About \$50,000 in damages was done to the dry goods store and the first marshal suspects arson. An arrest warrant has been issued for a suspect. According to The Jerusalem Post, the police believe that the fires are the work of ultra-Orthodox extremists.

## Shamir slams Bronfman trip to Moscow as 'interference'

**JERUSALEM** — The long-awaited visit of Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, to Moscow finally took place, but the edge was removed from any announcement as no press release was issued and at the same time Foreign Minister Shamir denounced

Bronfman for interfering in Israel foreign relations.

There was considerable irony in Shamir's contention since Bronfman, the first Jewish leader to be invited to Moscow in years, bore a letter to Gorbachev from Prime Minister Peres.

**JERUSALEM** — Mattitayu Peled was off to Geneva to meet with a Palestine Liberation Organization delegation while the Knesset passed

the first stage of legislation that would restrict severely private contacts between Israelis and PLO representatives.

# France's Chief Rabbi may resign

**FRANCE** — A whirlwind of controversy surrounding the conversion of Eric de Rothschild's Roman Catholic wife could lead to the resignation of the chief rabbi of France, Rabbi Rene Sirat.

The trouble started when Rothschild, the son of the late Baron Alain de Rothschild, who died in 1982, asked the Paris Beth Din (religious court) to perform the conversion of his wife whom he had just married. The Paris Beth Din declined.

Not to be denied, the couple alighted for Morocco, where

a special Beth Din did the conversion. In addition, on the Rothschild's return to Paris, the marriage was blessed by a former Chief Rabbi of France, Rabbi Jacob Kaplan.

This drew the ire of the Paris Beth Din and Rabbi Sirat, who was especially angry at the Consistoire Central, French Jewry's religious body, for sending representatives to attend Rabbi Kaplan's blessing of the wedding.

In a public statement, Rabbi Sirat accused the Consistoire Central of "abrogating to

themselves the right to legislate, and even interfere, in an area in which the rabbinical courts are the only authority." In response, the Consistoire Central rejected the notion that there was a conflict between themselves and the Chief Rabbinate.

According to the London Jewish Chronicle, this is the most serious crisis that Rabbi Sirat has had to face since his election in 1981, but "it merely reflects the friction which has existed for several years between the communities religious and lay leaders."

## Conservative group to unify movement

**NEW YORK** — For the first time, the Conservative movement has established a 14-member Commission on Ideology to explore the spectrum of Conservative Jewish theology and where possible, to develop a consensus on ethical and social questions.

In the past, the movement's individual thinkers and scholars have presented viewpoints on a wide range of issues, but this represents the first time that a collective effort has been initiated.

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen,

Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), and Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro, president of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), named Dr. Robert Gordis, a former RA president and Professor Emeritus at the JTS as the chairman of the new scholarly task force.

Both Dr. Cohen and Rabbi Shapiro believe that the work of this Commission will help to provide direction for Conservative Judaism and aid its development and growth

as this branch of Judaism enters into its second century.

Dr. Gordis has called the first meeting of the Commission for the early fall. He viewed as possible topics for consideration such questions as: the concept of God, the meaning of revelation — the authority of Jewish law, the status of women in Judaism, current social problems and interpretation of Jewish law as applied to such contemporary issues as medical ethics.

## Grant to Wiesenthal Center doesn't merit suit

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cisco Jewish Community Relations Council has strongly and vocally opposed the state grant. "But the process that leads into litigation," he said, "requires discussion and review before a move

is made."

Chernin called the matter "a grey area disturbing in its implications for church and state separation." However, he offered consolation to Reich's statements, noting that "I can understand

his remarks that NACRAC and other agencies may join together with ADL as in the past year alone Jewish defense agencies have joined with NACRAC in three Supreme court lawsuits that bear on church-state breach."

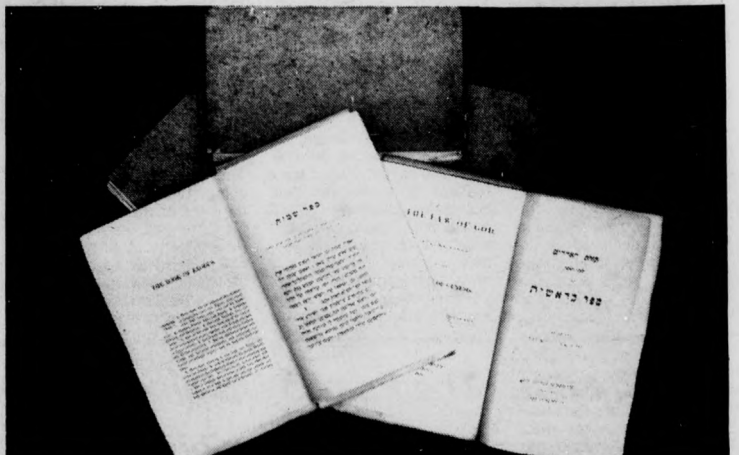
## Young claims views distorted in interview

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In response to Young's claim that his views were misrepresented, Black responded in an article in the Cleveland Jewish News that

he taped the interview, and also called Young back several days later "to confirm all quotes and make any clarifications to make sure there was no misunderstanding." Black asks: "...does he

(Young) still maintain that of what he personally knows of Louis Farrakhan, he agrees with 9/10 of it? A simple monosyllabic yes or no is the only answer called for."



**FIRST AND FOREMOST** — the first translation of the Bible completed in America by a Jew (pictured here) is one of the eight items of rare judaica that have been given to the Yeshiva University libraries by an anonymous benefactor of the institution. The five-volume translation of the Bible, published in 1845, was completed by Isaac Leeser, who

arrived in America in 1824. He worked for 17 years on his translation. The items of rare Judaica — which also include a controversial sermon on slavery issued in 1861 and an anti-Semitic pamphlet in German published in 1782 — were purchased at auctions in the United States and Israel.



## Opposition to 'A Certain People' aired

CHICAGO — Opposition to the themes expressed in "A Certain People," the volume by Charles Silberman that takes the view that the U.S. Jewish community is in excellent shape, was expressed in an editorial by Jack Fishbein in his "The Sentinel" here.

Fishbein listed numerous challenges to the thesis presented by Silberman (P-O, August 21) and concluded that "we are suffering badly from what experienced psychologists call the psychology of rejection: we simply block out anything we find uncomfortable by pretending it doesn't exist."

Among the contradictions in Silberman's volume, Fishbein listed the following after that stating that the book contains "such illusions that a sane person will have to reconsider his sanity."

Fishbein wrote: "He argues that only about one in four Jews marries outside the faith and in many cases the gentile partner converts and the children are brought up to consider themselves Jewish."

"The truth is that the overwhelming number of objective observers place the intermarriage rate at closer to 40 or 50 percent, no one has reduced it to half. We have

talked to hundreds of people and with few exceptions they acknowledge that there is hardly a family they know of without at least one intermarriage."

"As for the children, most sociologists say that the figures are not yet in on their loyalty to Judaism but in any case, it is doubtful that their children will carry on the faith."

Fishbein then suggested: "Let's look at some facts: Of the 130 rabbis in the Chicago area, we know of only a few who will tell you that they have more than 75 or 100 congregants attending services except when there is a bar or bat mitzvah."

"Statistics show that only five to ten percent of Jewish students on campus are full participants in Jewish activities, although most do not deny their Jewishness."

"However, where is there any evidence that young Jews are rushing to join organized Jewish activities? The truth is that they are moving rapidly in the other direction."

Some more facts: "Why have half the rabbis in the Conservative and Reform movement — and we don't know about the others — left the rabbinate? Does this augur well for the future?"

"At one time we had hun-

dreds of kosher meat markets in this city. Now we have 18."

"In a city like Chicago we have a total of 3500 enrolled in our Orthodox all-day schools. The rest have even less."

Fishbein did not overlook the decline in Jewish organizations.

"Let's talk about our organizations. How many men's groups are really viable? The largest, B'nai B'rith not so long ago claimed 40,000 members in District Six which takes in six states. The convention just concluded in Ann Arbor reported 18,000 and that with tongue in cheek. That means on the rolls, not active."

His final volley was on Jewish leadership: "Shall we talk about Jewish leadership outside the field of fundraising. Where does it exist either locally or nationally? Who can name a half dozen on the national scene whom most American Jews know of and respect. Besides Phil Klutznick, who else?"

"No one we know of will deny that Jewish education is in a sorry condition. The Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education had a big turnout but admitted that Jewish education was in 'a deplorable state.'"

## IN THE NATION

### Kosher cheese fraud

NEW YORK — A Brooklyn distributor of kosher cheese has been fined \$4,800 for fraudulently distributing non-kosher cheese as kosher. An official of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing said that Harold Gottesman had represented the cheese he was selling under the brand name of Tnuva was produced in Israel under the supervision of the Chief Rabbi of Afula, Peretz Zioni. In hearings held last year, Tnuva and Rabbi Zioni declared in an affidavit that Gottesman had no right to use the Tnuva name on the cheese that he distributed, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report. Retail distributors were alerted to the possible fraud.

### Breger to a new job

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's liaison to the Jewish community, Marshall Breger, who came under fire for his handling of the controversy surrounding Reagan's visit to Bitburg cemetery, has been shuffled to a new administration job. Breger has been named chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, in which he will be responsible for the administration's deregulation efforts. The White House has said that a replacement for Breger will not be named because there are plans to reorganize the Office of Liaison from one centered on relations with various groups to issues.

### Kahane: Prime Minister of Israel

WASHINGTON — Speaking at the National Press Club, Rabbi Meir Kahane predicted that he will one day become the Prime Minister of Israel. Before what was probably his largest non-Jewish audience ever — the speech was carried on National Public Radio and cable television — Kahane said that American Jewish leaders are terrified of him and that their greatest fear is that one day they will have to be at "Washington airport to greet Prime Minister Kahane." According to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report, the usually blunt Kahane moderated his tone in the speech.

### "Day of Solidarity" before summit

WASHINGTON — Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, has announced that November 19 will be a "Day of Solidarity" with Soviet Jewry. He asked that Jews and non-Jews participate in prayers, all-night vigils, moments of silence in legislatures and other demonstrations on that day before President Reagan is to see Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in a summit meeting. Dulzin said that the day is to be an "expression of our voices as powerfully as possible" according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

### Ethiopian absorption in "second stage"

NEW YORK — Chaim Aron, chairman of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department, said recently that the absorption of Ethiopian Jews is entering its second stage, which will result in the new immigrants gaining their own apartments and jobs. He said the stage would take at least a year, probably more. "I am pleased to report that the absorption process for Ethiopian Jews has been proceeding smoothly," said Aron, who spoke at a press briefing organized by the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Aliyah Center at UJA headquarters in New York. "Within six months, 700 families will complete the process at absorption centers and move on into Israeli society, which has shown itself ready to welcome them," Aron said. He added that the apartments and jobs outside absorption centers would be sought for more than 2,100 family heads "roughly within the next two years." He said that throughout this time, teenagers would continue to enter youth aliyah villages, where 2,100 are already enrolled, and others would enter Israeli universities where 62 Ethiopian Jews recently enrolled.

### UJA begins 1986 campaign

NEW YORK — As the United Jewish Appeal announced 1985 as one of its best campaign years with a total of \$598 million, the 1986 campaign got underway as its Young Leadership Cabinet increased from \$1.4 this year to \$3 million for the new campaign. The closing dinner of its "retreat" in Israel the 25-40 age group heard Prime Minister Peres denounce the PLO's policy of "talking peace in Jordan (while) killing people in Israel," referring to the recent outbreak of terrorism in Israel.

## FEATURE

## Etrog: the fruit of Succot

By CAROL GREEN

For the observant Jew, part of the annual rites of fall is the search for an etrog, the fragrant yellow fruit which is blessed on the Succot holiday. Each year, thousands of observant Jews crowd market stalls in Jerusalem's Meah Shearim, many spending several hours in search of a perfect specimen of the traditional citrus.

### Individual Preferences

According to Jewish law, an etrog must be completely clean. Even a slight scratch or blemish on the skin of the fruit may render it unuseable or "posul." The etrog's skin should be textured with bumps and ridges, not smooth like a lemon and its shape should be as a tower; wide at its base and growing narrower until it reaches the flowering head or "pitom." An attractive etrog is highly prized, and will sell for up to \$30.

Not only is individual quality demanded, but the fruit must have a pedigree as well, for Jewish law prohibits the blessing of an etrog grown from hybrid seed. Because the etrog tree is very weak and shortlived, there is a great temptation to crossbreed it with the lemon tree. A crossbred tree can live for up to 25 years, 15 years longer than the pure strain, and is less vulnerable to disease. How-



Etrog and lulav branch

ever, the fruit it gives is not an etrog and an educated consumer will not purchase it as such.

In addition, there are

factors of individual taste which come into play. While the Ashkenazi or European Jews prefer a slimmer variety

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# Refuseniks: a family's struggle

By STEPHEN N. ROTH

Today, a man named Yakov Gorodetsky lives in Lenin-grad with his wife and small daughter. He and his family are refuseniks.

Yakov's problems began in about 1980 when he realized he was a Jew. Up until this time, Yakov had been content to go to school, get married, and work as a

1982, Yakov knew Israel was the only place for them.

In December, 1982, Yakov was fired from his job. The KGB called him in and warned him that if he did not stop all his Jewish activities, he might go to prison. Yakov persisted though and soon his name was appearing in official Soviet newspapers,

whether they'd be willing to testify against him if the government told them what to say. To make contact with his friends more difficult, Yakov's telephone was cut off. The pressure was building. On May 14, 1985, four days before Yakov's 39th birthday, the KGB had Yakov summoned for an army physical. He flunked due to kidney stones and poor vision in his right eye, but was still ordered to report for duty. A kidney stone attack "saved" him temporarily.

Yakov is philosophical about his family's situation. "I believe in G-d and because of this, I believe in our cause," Yakov says. It gives me strength and permits me not to despair even in our very serious situation. My wife is a wonderful woman. She always helps me and is my moral support. My daughter is a good girl and I hope that her illness will pass off. From the beginning of this year, a lot of Jews here were arrested. They should have been in Israel many years ago, many months ago...and we worry about our destiny and the destiny of our family and our children. My friends and I are ready for everything and we shall defend everybody here...everybody."

Since his last encounter with the government a few months ago, Yakov's family dreads the day when they'll come for him. He has given up his Soviet citizenship and received Israeli citizenship, but he knows that this will not protect him. So with his wife and daughter, he sits in his apartment and waits...and waits...and wonders: Is anybody there to help? His address: Yakov Gorodetsky, Podrezova 17, Apt. 8, Lenin-grad 197136 RSFSR, USSR.

*This column is written as a means of informing the reader about the Soviet Union and the situation facing Soviet Jewry today. The column's author is a Chicago attorney who is active in the areas of Russian and Soviet Jewry. He also offers assistance in helping Jewish persons locate relatives here or abroad, with whom contact has been lost. Readers may send comments or inquiries to this column in care of The Post and Opinion which will forward them.*

math teacher. Now, however, he developed an interest in Jewish history and culture. His studies led him to reach the conclusion that the future for Jews in Russia would be no better than the past and that he and all other Russian Jews would only thrive in their own homeland, Israel. But whenever Yakov and his wife Polina applied to emigrate, they were repeatedly refused without reason.

While waiting for the situation to change, Yakov studied and began to help others learn Hebrew. During this time, he came under surveillance by the KGB. They didn't like him learning about his religion and culture. They needed to remind him that in the Soviet Union, communism is the only religion and the Politburo is the only G-d. His wife was expecting their first child and when Esther was born on July 7,

where he was charged with disseminating anti-Soviet literature and being a Zionist agent.

Out of work and with a wife and child to support, Yakov tried to find employment. He noticed that he was being followed and that he either didn't get the job or was fired shortly after starting. Finally, he found work and took great precautions to keep it secret. It didn't last long. On August 28, 1984, the militia came to Yakov's home and demanded to know where he was working. Knowing that he'd lose his job if he answered, Yakov refused. Immediately, Yakov was taken to court where he was sentenced to two months "correctional work" for resisting the police.

Soon after, Yakov learned that an investigator was interviewing Yakov's former co-workers and asking them



Refusenik Yakov Gorodetsky with his wife, Polina, and child, Ester, shown in a 1984 photograph.

## Peres letter to Gorbachev

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has revealed that he has sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev suggesting that the two countries resume diplomatic ties which were broken by Moscow after the Six Day War in 1967. The office of the Prime Minister would not say if the letter was taken to Moscow by World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman. The efforts at rapprochement between Israel and the Soviet Union comes after signals from both countries that they would be interested in renewing diplomatic links.

## Guidelines for corresponding with Refuseniks

Corresponding with Soviet refusenik families gives you, the reader, a unique opportunity to personally alter the course of history for a Jewish family. Your contribution by writing helps to accomplish the following:

1. Show the Soviet government that Jews in the free world are concerned about the fate of their Russian relatives.
2. Provide substantial protection against government harassment and oppression of the family you write to by putting the Soviets on notice that their treatment of this family is being closely monitored.
3. Give hope and encouragement to refusenik families by providing links between them and the outside world, constantly reminding them that they have not been forgotten, and showing them that you stand behind them.
4. Increase your awareness of your own heritage while helping others to fulfill theirs.

The guidelines that follow are necessary to insure that you maximize the effectiveness of your letters while minimizing unnecessary risks. Take time to follow them.

### Who should write

- a. Every concerned adult, child and family
- b. Schoolchildren (as class projects), youth groups, social clubs
- c. Rabbis should discuss refusenik families with their congregations and encourage correspondence. Copies of columns or addresses may be distributed or posted in synagogues.

### What to write

Refusenik families will let you know what they want to write about. Initially, tell them you found out about them in a newspaper, from friends, or in synagogue. Ask for and supply information about jobs, interests, activities, and family. Children can write about school, teachers, friends, or things they learned in Hebrew school. Everyone should write in detail about Jewish topics. This can include holidays, customs, celebrations, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, synagogue, etc. If you do not have time to write letters or cannot write well, send postcards or at least birthday, Jewish New Year, Hanukkah and Passover cards.

### Do not

Criticize the Soviet government in any way, discuss politics or Zionism, or mention any Jewish agencies.

### What may be sent

- a. Photographs — exchange photos of your families and of Jewish events in your life. Many Soviet Jews have never seen a wedding chuppah.
- b. Small Books — Russian-Hebrew Dictionaries and books on Jewish holidays, customs and culture are highly desirable.

### Do not send

Money or stamps; books about the Soviet Union, Zionism, or politics; food (exception: candy or gum).

### How to correspond

1. Save the columns and guidelines for any families you select.
2. Write all letters in English (Hebrew, Yiddish, and Russian are also acceptable).
3. Date and number letters so that the refusenik family will be able to monitor what is getting through.
4. Copy the address onto the envelope exactly as it is written at the bottom of the column. Put your return address both on the envelope and in your letter.
5. You may send letters either Registered-Receipt Requested-Air Mail (\$4.25 plus postage) or Air Mail (postage only). Postage is currently 44 cents for 1/2 ounce. Air Mail is less expensive but also less reliable. With Registered Mail, if you fail to receive a signed Return Receipt within 60 days, a tracer can be placed on your letter. Should this fail, you are entitled to a penalty payment from the Soviet Union of \$20.40. Ask your postal clerk. Either way, your first letter is less likely to get through than subsequent letters so it's a good idea to re-mail a copy of your first letter by regular Air Mail after about 2 weeks. Sometimes answers to letters may be delayed. **DON'T GIVE UP!**
6. Send a copy of any letter bearing important news or urgent requests to this column in care of The Post and Opinion.

For additional information about helping Refuseniks including visiting them in Russia, write: The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, 1522 K Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20005, or call your local U.C.S.J. office.



## Equal access for hate

By RABBI ALAN WEITZMAN

Recently, our local cable television station carried programs sponsored by the California-based White Political Association. Roy E.



Frankhouser, Jr., who says he is a lifetime member of the Ku Klux Klan, introduced these taped presentations.

Speakers in recent weeks have included Robert Miles, minister of a church which believes in racial separation. Another speaker, claiming to publish revisionist history, denied the Holocaust had taken place.

These programs are also appearing in other parts of the country. With our history of anti-Semitism in Reading, Penn., my temple and the Jewish Community Center have been bombed in past years — we have begun to mobilize our forces.

We have taken the appropriate legal steps to attempt to ban the series from the public channels. However, it appears the equal access laws allow anyone who is interested in producing a television program to do so, with the cable company providing the equipment and the studio.

We have met with our local police chief and city officials to enlist their aid and to make them aware that we believe this programming may bring a new wave of anti-Semitism. We have sought the advice of the

Anti-Defamation League and other professional groups.

All of these steps have been worthwhile and helpful. However, once we have put out the fire, we have to develop more in-depth programs to educate the Christian community about Judaism and Israel. We have to form an interracial and inter-religious coalition.

We, who are already involved in the community, have to commit ourselves to expending more energy and effort. We have to also increase the number of workers. It is always the same people who want to give of their time and energy.

When you champion social welfare causes, you help to build the bridges of cooperation and understanding that are essential. You demonstrate, through your actions, that you care about Reading and the needy.

Several clergy have come forward to offer their assistance and the help of their churches in combating this latest wave of prejudice. My synagogue has been working in similar cooperation ventures with these churches over the years. For instance, we have been helping to feed the hungry of our city, and my congregation was instrumental in forming the Greater Reading Food Bank, which provides 4,000 pounds of food a day to the poor. We also have volunteers working in the "Soup Kitchens."

It is important to develop cooperative ventures with your Christian neighbors whether you live in the small city or a large metropolitan area.

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## An early Kaddish

By JACOB NEUSNER

George MacRae died just now. He was only 57. He was a Jesuit, so his scholarly life began somewhat later than most people's. He worked



not much more than 20 years. His field was the great library of Gnostic Christianity discovered at Nag Hammadi in Egypt, a library as important for the study of religion in late antiquity as the Dead Sea library of the Essenes at Qumran.

Why should all this matter here?

Well, George MacRae was a model of what scholars should be. He was learned, but imaginative. He not only knew a great deal, but he shared what he knew. He published broadly, and took a great deal of trouble to teach to people outside of his field what was important in his field. As a result, many people, myself included, learned a great deal about Gnosticism and benefited through a much broader grasp of ancient religion than we otherwise would have had.

George MacRae was a person of excellent judgement. When he gave an opinion, it was considered and it was balanced. He was open to new ideas, but he also weighed in the balance what he had seen said long ago.

He taught students, not only young Jesuits at Weston College, but also young Protestants at Harvard Divinity School, where he was by far the best New Testament scholar on the faculty, and a true example — among Protestants — of Jesuit learning and virtue. To Jews, George MacRae showed only respect and esteem. Yet he took an interest in the debates of Jewish learning and made certain that he informed himself. He knew the difference between prejudice and learning, between random attacks on people one does not like or agree with and arguments about matters on which reasonable people can differ.

In other words, I am writing about a man who exhibited all the virtues that are supposed to characterize a talmid hakham (wise pupil). As a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, I knew few men of George MacRae's conscience and character: Heschel, Shalom Spiegel, among the living, the saintly Seymour Siegel — though I

had many quite good teachers in specific subjects. But they taught footnotes, because, in the world of learning, they really were footnotes. MacRae was a living text — just as Heschel and Spiegel were living torahs in their day.

MacRae was only 57. Had he lived, how many wonderful books and articles he would have given us. How much we have lost!

And yet, while I'd like to live to 99 and die the day I write the final page of my final book — at my word-processor, so to speak — I'd also like to die before anyone else I love. That way, I'd be saved a lot of suffering. It is selfish of course to think that way. When

die, and it is quite a long list, including my nearest and dearest colleagues, my all-time favorite rabbi (who else can do my funeral with appropriate restraint), and a few people out there too.

For example, over the years I've gotten quite fond of William Buckley, Jr., of the National Review. I hope that he gets to write my obituary. I cannot think of anything so moving, so graceful, or so profound, as Buckley's comments on the death of someone whom he knows and appreciates.

So, in all, George MacRae is gone, and many of us are poorer. He will live in our hearts for his sheer human goodness. He will live in

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my father-in-law died in 1973, I began to realize what a blessing it is to die, if not young, then, at least, sooner than anyone else one really cares for. Beyond my wife and children he was my best friend; I argued with him every day for 10 years, and I argue in a serious way only with people I respect.

No one can complain about burying an esteemed father — better my burying him, than his burying me. But then I determined a list of people before whom I wish to

our minds because he taught us how to live the life of the mind. But, since (maybe last among Conservative Jews) I believe in the resurrection of the dead, like us all, he will live again. And when he does, you may get a chance to know him too.

Meanwhile, do not see death as the worst thing that can happen to anyone. It can't be — since it happens to everyone. And, as I said, if I had my druthers, I'd like to die first in line, among the people of my crowd.

### Wiesel comments on the sanctuary movement

NEW YORK — Elie Wiesel, author and survivor of the Holocaust, has said that he has "great compassion" for Central American refugees, stating, "I, too, was a refugee." But, according to a report in the New York Times on the sanctuary movement, which provides shelter — often illegally — for those fleeing Central America, Wiesel said he does not favor breaking U.S. law by harboring refugees in houses of worship. "We should work within the law and, if need be, change the law," he was quoted as saying in the Times. "In fascist countries it is legal and adequate to break the law, but we have not reached that point."

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# Cantors: an appreciation

By YAACOV LURIA

If to all things there is a reason, the High Holy Days are the season for cantors. And this year, the tri-centenary of Johann Sebastian Bach's birth, cantors have an added reason for letting their voices ring out loud and lusty in the synagogue. Besides his many other achievements — not least of which was fathering 20 children — J.S. Bach also was a cantor, albeit of the Lutheran persuasion.

Cantors the year round tend to do their thing — leading their congregations in song and prayer — in the shadow of their rabbis. Jews tend to split the image of a cantor in two. While they recognize him or her — women cantors in Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogues are no longer exceptional — as a member of the religious establishment, they expect to “enjoy” a cantor. Often they forget that the cantor is not really performing for them; he is addressing God as their representative, their shaliach tzibbur.

Do we here below know anything about God's preferences? A sweet-voiced cantor could delight his earthly listeners but only make God yawn. Conversely, a raucous-voiced cantor could come in handy in a crunch. God may grant his prayers just to be rid of the unbearable cacaphony. A cantor need not be a Caruso, though I vote with the majority that he ought to have a pleasing voice.

If you consider the destination of a cantor's melodic outpouring, it seems irreverent for men — mere men — to judge him. A synagogue in the East Bronx I used to attend as a kid during the Depression could not afford a year-round cantor. And, they could not, of course, do without a cantor — or a ba'al tephila at least — for the High Holidays, the Days of Awe. Ba'al tephila means, literally, “master of prayer,” which every cantor is as a matter of course. A cantor was a ba'al tephila only until he was hired. After that, posters in the neighborhood store windows advertised him as “the world-renowned cantor.”

The officers of the synagogue waited for the Hebrew calendar month of Elul, which occurs in August, before they began tryouts for a cantor; the closer to Rosh Hashanah, the lower the fee. Auditioning a prospective cantor was almost literally an ordeal by fire. While the assembled minyan fanned themselves with newspapers, the cantorial candidate undid his collar and sang several prayers from the Machzor, the High Holy days prayer book. Every Jew listening — even if tone

deaf or just plain deaf — became a cantor maven on the spot. Heads shook, shoulders shrugged, stage whispers cut through the heat.

The most common put-down of a cantor was the invidious comparison. Yossele Rosenblatt was the most famous cantor of all; Samuel Kwartin, his contemporary in the 1920s, also had his aficionados. So a frequent opening gambit was, “Yossele Rosenblatt he is not.”

“Yossele Roseblatt should take lessons from Kwartin.”

“Yossele sings like an angel. When he gives out Habet Mishamayim (O, Look Down From Heaven), the tears run like water. Hundreds of people — and not one dry eye!”

“You heard Kwartin's

shma Kolenu (Hear Our Voices)? Pure pearls!”

Note how the cantor, who began as the subject of the conversation, was swept into irrelevance by the Rosenblatt-Kwartin controversy.

Even a back-handed compliment could suffice to damn the aspirant.

“His ivreh (Hebrew diction) is not bad.” This could imply that his singing was only so-so.

From “He looks like a schayner yid (fine person) one could infer that a) he only looks like a fine person, or b) he could possibly be a man of decent character, but as a cantor...!”

The cantor was on the dissecting table — or in the audition room — until the

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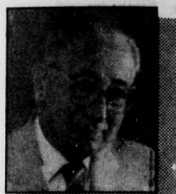
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## Orthodox denounce bar mitzvah

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Loud was the Orthodox outcry against the bar mitzvah of much publicized Stamford, Conn. boy in a synagogue in Cracow, Poland.



Three front-page stories appeared in the traditionalist *Algemeiner Journal* plus a photo of the boy, Eric Strom, whose rite was highlighted by two front-page yarns in *The New York Times*. The *Agudat Ha-Rabbanim*, the group of mostly European-trained rabbis and the Rabbinical Council of America, an organization of mainly American rabbis, both issued strong statements calling the ceremony a desecration, especially, in the words of the *Agudat* protest, since the rabbi in the case was a "yidene," a female, referring to Rabbi Emily Korzenick, a graduate of the Reconstructionist Seminary in Philadelphia and spiritual guide of a Stamford chavurah.

The matter also gave the RCA president, Louis Bernstein, another occasion to denounce Reform. Also in on the attack was the venerable Rabbi Morris Feinstein and a cluster of his *Agudat* confreres. The front-page *Times* story also elicited comment, since a photo purportedly showed young Strom "reading from the Torah," whereas he was reading from a book. Hovering over him was an Orthodox rabbi and the "lady rabbi," who sat in the balcony most of the service and came down to the bimah to address the Bar Mitzvah only to have her rabbinical opponent castigate her. Another oddity: The *Times* story had it that the trip to Poland by the family of the boy was underwritten by the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (who were roundly denounced by the Orthodox leaders). But a correction in a later issue of the *Times* said that the journey was privately underwritten.

### Original Aleichem?

To Devotees of the Forward, Art Buchwald is the Abraham Shulman of the English press. Resident humorist of the Forward, Shulman keeps readers laughing with his fanciful anecdotes and satirical pieces.

Unlike Buchwald, Shulman

also doubles as a serious literary critic. In a recent piece Shulman wonders out loud whether Shalom Aleichem knew French. Why? Because one of his most popular stories, "A Piece of Advice," is similar to a story written in the fifteenth century by Rabelais, author of "Gargantua."

In the Shalom Aleichem version, a fellow comes to the author for counsel because he suspects his wife is two-timing him. Says the writer: divorce her. But, says the husband, I'll be all alone. Then don't divorce her. But responds the husband, how can I live with a person so duplicitous. Then, divorce her. It's easy for you to say that because you won't suffer the loneliness of being single. Then don't divorce.

In the Rabelais version the advice is being sought by someone who wonders whether he should get married. The pattern is the same. Arguments for and against are each followed by the counsel. Then, get married, then don't get married. Now does the parallel mean that Shalom Aleichem was a plagiarist? Heaven forbid. What it means is that great minds often produce similar fancies.

### Kudos for Henlein

One of the most effective Jewish organizations anywhere is the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, now revving up for a 10th anniversary celebration.

Its ability to keep all groups coordinated under

its umbrella is a reflection of the dexterity and administrative prowess of its director, Malcolm Henlein, formerly with the conference on behalf of Soviet Jewry. A native of Philadelphia and son of German refugees who got to the U.S. just before the German gates were clanked shut by the Nazis, Henlein is an Orthodox Jew who got his bachelor's degree at Temple University, and his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania.

Persona grata with the leaders of the 20 some Jewish organizations, a friend of the leaders of Israel, New York State and New York City, Henlein's council avoids sticky subjects such as abortion, but concentrates on security for synagogues, the registration of Torah Scrolls, tours to Israel for prestigious non-Jews, meetings with Blacks, Hispanics, writes Simon Baker, in the *Algemeiner Journal*.

### Guilt feelings

To offset some of the bitterness of the notorious "Bitburg bit," some Social Democrats in Germany suggested that a road leading to the Bergen-Belsen camp be named after Anne Frank. The proposal was successfully opposed by the Christian Democratic Party which said it wasn't fair to add to the guilt feelings the Germans are already experiencing, writes Jacob Rabinovitch in the *Algemeiner Journal*.

(Rabbi Samuel Silver can be reached at 16553 Boca Delray Dr., Delray Beach, FL 33445.)

## The 'trefa banquet'

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

1883 — Non-kosher food served at a public dinner under auspices of Reform Jews created a stir in the American Anglo-Jewish press.



The event, dubbed by the press "the trefa banquet," was held in Cincinnati in honor of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the first graduating class of the Hebrew Union College. Several hundred Jewish and Christian leaders attended the affair. When the opening course of shrimp was placed on the table an undercurrent of excitement swept through the restaurant. It was the first time that a violation of traditional dietary laws was publicly flaunted by a religious organization. The rabbis were taken by surprise but voiced no protests. According to Rabbi David Philipson, "only two rabbis rose from their seats and rushed from the room."

The Reform movement in Germany never officially sanctioned the abolition of kashrut. The Breslau Conference (1846) abolished second days observance of holidays. It therefore resolved that bread may be eaten on the 8th day of Passover. It did not tamper, however, with other dietary laws.

It was at the Pittsburgh Conference a century ago and 2 years after the "trefa banquet," that the follow-

ing resolution was adopted, "We hold that all such Mosaic and rabbinical laws as regulate diet.....are foreign to our present mental and spiritual state...they fail to impress the modern Jew with a spirit of priestly holiness. "The Reform reaction to the criticism of the "trefa banquet" was the total elimination of kashrut. On the other hand, the traditionalist reaction was the founding of The Jewish Theological Seminary Association (1885) by Rabbis Sabato Morais and Henry Mendes (both Sephardic Jews) to foster "a spirit of devotion and fidelity to the Jewish law."

The "trefa banquet" met a precedent for the American Jewish laity. A national organization, such as B'nai B'rith, followed the liberal views of its predominantly German Jewish membership and showed no regard for the sensitivities of potential members of a more traditional background. Even organizations like the United Palestine Appeal, which actively invited the support of East-European Jews and Orthodox congregations, ignored kashrut when catering to non-observant Jews.

The climate was different in the middle of the 19th century. An early precursor of the United Jewish Appeal, the North American Relief Society (1853), was founded by Rabbi Isaac Leeser of Philadelphia to collect money for the needy of Palestine. Rabbi Leeser was a defender of Orthodoxy. The resurgence of Orthodoxy has sensitized the modern lay leadership to respect the background of all segments of American Jewry.

## An appreciation of cantors

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very end of the Yom Kippur fast. Once I overheard this dialogue during ne'ilah, the prayer service that comes at nightfall — and the breaking of the 24-hour fast — approaches:

"This year, Baruch Ha Shem (God be Blessed), we didn't have such a bad chazzan. But how pious he is we don't know. Maybe he doesn't even keep shabbos."

"So? A cantor must be pious?"

"A chazzan to lead our prayers on Yom Kippur and not keep shabbos? A desecration!"

"You heard of the great cantor Razumny? Even in Russia he came to shul in a horse and carriage."

"On weekdays."

"Not on weekdays. On shabbos! What do you want — a tzaddik or a cantor?"

At this point a third man,

who had been silent, probably counting the minutes until he could break his fast, interrupted.

"I am a butcher," he announced. "A certain woman comes to my shop every Thursday for her shabbos chicken. One chicken. Yet she puts her hands on about every chicken on the counter. She squeezes the dark meat, the white meat, the puppi. So once I say to her, 'Lady, you could pass such an examination?'"

Often as much as rabbis, cantors set synagogue tone. If their singing projects warmth, a special human glow suffuses the sanctuary. Devout cantors breathe new life into old prayers. Creative cantors bring original music to inspire — and sometimes to shock — their

congregations.

It is virtually impossible to avoid responding to cantors as performers. There have been times when I have had to restrain myself from jumping up and shouting "Bravo!" — or "Brava!" There was an occasion a few weeks ago when even that would have seemed puny.

I was walking past the Gindi Auditorium at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles one morning when I was stopped short by the sound of a tenor voice streaming through a half open door. I could not make out whether the music was operatic or liturgical, but somehow I knew that the singer was a cantor. It was not only the voice that held me, but the feeling that came through of someone pouring himself

body and soul into song. He had transformed the auditorium into a synagogue and I had become an instant congregant. I did not join in the applause from the auditorium audience when the singing ended. I just remained standing in shivery joy.

What about cantors who merely provide musical accompaniment for quiet meditation or, even, refreshing naps? I am just as fond of them as of the cantors whose voices set the eternal light flickering above the Holy Ark. Since I need both stimulation and calm, I shall pray for health, prosperity and good voice for both contingents.

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

BY JEAN HERSCHAFT

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society recently honored U.S. Ambassador Mac M. Kampelman, who heads the U.S. delegation to the arms negotiations in Geneva, with its Liberty Award at its annual Awards dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. Also, Edward M. Benton, a HIAS Board member since 1933, received the Zvi Hirsch Masliansky Award for his dedication to the cause of refugees and immigrants.

HIAS is responsible for bringing thousands of families to the "golden land" of America, including this writer's parents and grandmother. It was very much a family affair at the award's dinner with more than 250 board members from all over the country in attendance. Dale Schwartz of Atlanta, Ga., vice president of HIAS, was dinner chairman. "In our 105 years we have resettled 4 million Jews," he said.

Ambassador Kampelman, who was appointed by President Carter and reappointed by President Reagan to serve as ambassador and head of the U.S. delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe recalled in his address accepting the Liberty Award "I shall cherish it. Let me explain. I was born and grew up in New York. My parents and two of my grandparents immigrated to the United States from Rumania, the area of Bukovina.

"I recall that my parents belonged to the Independent Bukoviner Young Men's and Young Ladies' Benevolent Society, an organization formed to assist other immigrants and, at the same time, develop among these immigrants a sense of community in their new home. You can understand, therefore, why the word 'HIAS,' represented nobility and respect in our home. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society was the symbol of Jewish compassion, responsibility and strength. That is why I will cherish your award."

Kampelman then quoted from Hebrew scriptures outlining Judaic contributions to civilization, and freedom and dignity that exists for all people.

In discussing the sensitive role of trying to reach accord on arms with the Soviet he said, "What do we do? Do we remain silent because to speak out causes confrontation and that creates tension too risky in the nuclear age? I respectfully suggest that such silence is submission to totalitarian intimidation. No peace with dignity can come from such intimidation. And I suggest that silence in the face of cruelty may well be complicity, inadvertent as that may be."

Kampelman gave his prescription for dealing with the Soviets thus: "Our effort must be to persuade those who today lead the Soviet Union that just as the two sides of the human brain, the right and the left, adjust their individual roles within the body to make a coordinated and functioning whole, so must the hemispheres of the body-politic — North and South, East and West, right and left, — learn to harmonize their contributions to a whole that is healthy and constructive and coordinated in the search for peace and liberty."

His skill as a negotiator and diplomat was shown during the delicate negotiations with the Soviets in Madrid. An agreement that ultimately emerged (the first such pact in the Reagan administration) deals with several issues, such as rights of workers to organize human rights, religious rights, family reunification, the rights of journalist and measures against terrorists. The ambassador is a former board member of HIAS, and member of the Boards of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Georgetown Universities, among others.

The 'family affair' included the presentation of the Masliansky Award to attorney Edward M. Benton by Edward H. Weinberg, a HIAS vice president and leading UJA lay leader. Weinberg is the grandson of the late Masliansky a founder of HIAS and prominent orator of his day.

Benton's father, John L. Bernstein, was a founder and later served as president of HIAS (1917-1926), Weinberg told the guests.

Benton noted, "I recall attending the second Passover seder each year as a child with my family at either the old HIAS Shelter or at the HIAS facility on Ellis Island." A member himself of HIAS' board for over 50 years, the youthful appearing lawyer is in business with his wife, Esther Koppelman Benton, a barrister too.

Interestingly, Mrs. Bobbi Abrams, a vice president of HIAS and Board Chairman of Associates of Ben Gurion University in the Negev told me at the reception that it was Mr. Benton who executed a contract in Israel in 1963 for a hostel. "When hotels sprung up there the hostel was gifted to Ben Gurion University," she said. A similar gift was made to Hebrew U. for dormitory purposes by Benton as counsel for HIAS.

But perhaps his most famous sale for HIAS was its build-

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## JEW BY CHOICE

# Retreat to Shabbaton

By SAMANTHA LINDBLAD

In response to the special sensitivities of converts and partners in interfaith marriages and for the purpose of encouraging their integration,



the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C., has created its own congregational Outreach Committee. According to its Temple Journal, among the most effective programs of the Outreach Committee is the Outreach Shabbaton, a weekend retreat in the synagogue from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Reactions to such a Shabbaton were recorded by one of the participants in a deeply moving letter, printed in the WHC Journal, which I'd like to share with you:

"When I signed up for the Outreach Shabbaton, I was ambivalent about its potential value for me: I'd been a Jew for over a year, I had become a fairly active participant in the life of my congregation and I had subjected every aspect of my conversion to intensive scrutiny, partly in preparation for a stint as 'guest lecturer' to a Sunday School class of seventh and eighth grade boys. I had ceased to refer to myself, or to apologize for myself, as a 'Jew by Choice.' My experience, however, was atypical. What could I contribute to the group? What, if anything, would I take away from the experience?"

"For me, the Shabbaton

was by turns delightful, thought-provoking, hilarious, moving and (in addition to everything else) profoundly affirmative of me and of my choice. At first, I was curious about the other members of the group and what had brought them there. As the weekend progressed, I was aware of increasing respect and affection for all of them. Our first worship service, without a leader, gave us a common starting point; almost everyone eventually overcame his or her initial shyness and participated. By Shabbat morning, some familiarity with the several portions of the service made it easier still for the group to share the

to the next. I had never touched the Torah before, never held it, but as I did so that morning, tears came to my eyes. I wonder whether this mixture of awe and exaltation will always overtake me at such solemn moments. It certainly seems that my understanding and my commitment grow deeper and richer with time.

"The second experience (insight, if you like) crept up on me late in the afternoon during our discussion of others' responses to our choice of Judaism. I realized as the others talked that those who were considering conversion were all apprehensive, to some degree, about their prospective roles in the

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peace and joy of Shabbat.

"I could write much more about the rapport, the warmth of the group: at day's end, people who shared each other's concerns were exchanging telephone numbers; the idea of a Havurah was enthusiastically received. I hoped that I would see the others again.

"But what I want to highlight in this is what the Shabbaton did for me. Two experiences, in particular, were simply overwhelming, and it is difficult for me to translate them into words.

"The first experience occurred during our worship service on Shabbat morning, when Rabbi Straus gave us the Torah, with instructions to pass it from one person

Jewish community. Simultaneously, I understood that I had found more in Judaism than I knew. What my Judaism has meant to me, what I have found in Judaism, above all, is acceptance. My community is becoming my family. I am growing up in the congregation. We belong to each other, and I am accepted, even cared for, just as I am.

"The Outreach Shabbaton helped me to understand the remarkable gift Judaism ('my' Judaism) has given me. Since everything comes full circle in the fullness of time, I can hope that the gift will be returned."

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## Etrog: the fruit of Succot

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of the fruit, Jews from North Africa and the Middle East favor the large, plump, seeded "Temeni" or Yemenite etrog. Although tradition regards the pitom as the beauty of the fruit, some consumers specifically prefer a pitomless etrog. An etrog whose pitom has fallen off while it is still on the tree is ritually usable. However, if the pitom drops off after the fruit is off the tree the etrog is posul or unusable. Parents of small children who have been known to tear off the delicate flowering head, have often opted for pitomless etrogim. But if scientists at Tel Aviv University have their way, the pitomless etrog may soon become obsolete. They have developed a chemical spray to secure the pitom to the fruit.

### The Etrog as a Symbol

Why all the fuss? To the casual observer, an etrog looks like little more than an oversized oblong lemon. However, the etrog is rich in mystical and symbolic significance. In the Bible the etrog is referred to as "the fruit of the goody tree." Some commentators suggest that it was the etrog fruit that Eve ate from in the Garden of Eden. Interestingly, this does not place the etrog in a bad light.

Jewish tradition teaches that the etrog is a symbol for the perfect Jew because it has both a good taste, which is compared to Torah knowledge, and a pleasant fragrance, which is likened to good deeds. The other three species of the Succot holiday have different combinations of these properties. The myrtle

has smell but no taste, the willow, neither taste nor smell, and the palm sheath, also without taste or smell bears a tasty fruit. Held together as lulav and etrog, these species symbolize the different types of Jews that make up the Jewish people.

### Cultivating the Etrog

Like the perfect Jew it symbolizes, the etrog must be cultivated with great care from the moment of its planting. An etrog tree is small and weak. Its branches and bark are thin and its roots are exposed.

An etrog tree is also very shortlived. It can survive for 10 years at most. Because biblical law forbids the use of fruit grown during the first three years, its useful life

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## The thick and thin of dieting

By ARLENE G. PECK

Do you think that my mother knew what she was doing when she stuffed me like a goose?

Were the intentions evil



when she chased me around the dining room table with a spoon in her hand telling me to "Just finish your peas"? For those of you who have never had to fight the Battle of the Bulge, it is impossible to relate to you if you have not spent the better part of your youth counting calories.

I shudder when I think of the untold hours that have been spent in activities and brain power related to fitting into those size nine jeans. At an early age, I was forced to admit that those who lie around the house like a fox end up with as much sex appeal as an English muffin.

Names, I think, have something to do with it. For instance, mothers who name their daughters Elvira, Thelma and Bertha are dooming them to a life time of fat cells, and a body that looks like an avocado. They are channeled at birth into shopping at Lane Bryant.

I, as a mother, have tried to raise my children under different conditions than the ones in which I grew up. My mother, Queen Mollie, believed in the philosophy that food is love and more is better.

During my formative years, I was raised to be a member of the clean plate club. The hospitality rules around the Greenberg house were such that, "Fifty people should be able to drop in unexpectedly and you shouldn't have to go out and buy anything." When I would inquire of a guest if they would like any refreshments she would admonish me, "A sick person you ask. People that are well, you just bring the food."

Bread was served with everything. I swear, Queen Mollie would even bring it out to go with dessert. "Just to wash it down." Is it any wonder that growing up with those ground rules that today — post divorce — all I want to do is make reservations, not dinners? Besides, I'm not so sure that men of today are quick to respond to the lure of a home-cooked meal. Actually, I've begun to think that next to chicken soup and discount stores, home baked cooking is the most

overrated commodity of our American culture. Do fat pads have merit?

Life was so simple in the old days. That was in the era before microwaves. The times when men would have killed for your kugel. Actually, I'm suspicious of men who say they like fat women. Those are the men who want mothers.

I'll have to admit that I have been slow in giving up the habits with which I was raised. When my son left for college two years ago, I would get guilt pangs and sneak into Kroger's supermarkets. The lady in the bakery would wrap up 10 dozen of their chocolate chip cookies in my own serving plates. When I sent them off to school, he and his friends

Haagen Dasz ice cream and it doesn't show. What they don't mention when you are watching them pack away two appetizers, bread tray, entree and dessert cart is that was the first solid food that they have eaten in three days. This disgusting show off has probably been lying faint because all she's had until that moment was 10 cups of herb tea and maybe a cup of zucchini. A pox on her!

What's worse is people are really mean when they know that you're on a diet. That's just the time that your best friend is going to send you a box of designer chocolates. But the secret is willpower. Keep telling yourself that, even if they pull your fingernails out or have attack dogs gnawing at

### The worst kind of dieters are the secret ones.

were impressed with mama's wonderful cooking. In years past, I would have spent three days in the kitchen baking them. Do you think that the kid knew or even cared? Never!

The worst kind of dieters are the secret ones. They try to show the world that they have this wonderful metabolism that enables them to shovel an entire gallon of

your neck, a binge isn't worth it. So, when people think I'm crazy just because I am prone to leave the house at the crack of dawn to work-out, it doesn't make me a bad person. Exercise helps but it doesn't make you skinny. When you pig out...you pay later!

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### Rabbi Jordan H. Shepard

DELRAY BEACH, FL. — Rabbi Jordan H. Shepard, who assumed the pulpit of Temple Anshei Shalom

only four months ago, died here. He was rabbi emeritus of Temple B'nai Israel, Kankakee, Ill.

### Social Calendar

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ing — the HIAS Shelter on Lafayette Street in 1965. Formerly the home of the Astor Library, HIAS had reconstructed the interior of the building to hold administrative offices as well as rooms and dormitories to serve as housing for several hundred refugees at a time. In addition, there were two kitchens and a dining room where kosher meals were served, a small synagogue attended by the refugees-in-residence and by members of the local community.

When there was no longer need for it, the landmark building was sold to Joseph Papp, and it now serves as the New York Public Theater.

Among some of the guests at the dinner: Lillian Eisman, President Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York and Dr. Albert Hornblass, its past president; Jerry Goodman, National Conference for Soviet Jewry Chairman; Henry Everett, philanthropist and Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, N.Y. Gov. Cuomo's Jewish liaison who rendered the invocation.

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## VISITING WITH RHODA HAUPTMAN



Since I returned from Orange County, I have been intending to write about the California-type bat mitzvah of our youngest grandchild, Susan. I may as well clear the decks at the beginning of this column by telling you that the Queen for the Day was wonderful. Frankly, I have never encountered a mediocre bar or bat mitzvah. The only thing is that the closer the relationship to the reporter, the more perfect the performance.

I must admit that there were times when I have felt more comfortable, physically. The day of the service, the temperature was 106, and the congregation was seated out of doors and in the sun, yet, I don't know what it is about us Jews that seems to attract the most severe temperatures at times like this or during the High Holy Days.

The service was great and I had my first aliyah. I have given sermons and read parts of the religious services for many, many years, but I had never before been called to the Torah to recite the prayers before and after the reading of the Torah. Before I went up, I heard the rabbi read out an indistinguishable first name and then say, "Bat Alexander v' Margaret."

"My goodness," I thought, "someone else here has parents with the same first names as mine!" It then dawned upon me that it was I who had been called.

I must confess that I had to be satisfied with minor billing

I said the prayers well, if I have to say so myself. But the true star was our Susan who was entitled to every bit of praise she got.

Now that all of our grandchildren have been received into the Congregation of Israel, I shall have to wait until the next generation for an encore. I do hope that it is cooler at that service.

Well, here I am back in Chicago and that horrible heat seems to have followed me home. The weatherman has predicted cooler weather tomorrow, but I find myself going around muttering, "Promises, promises!"

Without doubt, it will get cooler, but will I survive?

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A couple of days ago, I paid a visit to a new ophthalmologist. I had been going to one eye doctor for well over 40 years and he recently retired. I selected a young specialist to whom several of my friends have been going. When I came to his office, the receptionist asked me how I had happened to come to Dr. F. I told her that I knew his family. "I even knew his great grandparents."

Indeed I had. If you want to know the truth, my mother's mother had had a yen for the young doctor's great grandfather. There was only one hitch: The old gentleman already was encumbered by his wife of some 60 years.

Well, that's what I'd call hard luck!

I'll tell you a secret: If the young doctor were about 40 years older, I'd follow my grandmother's example, but I'd be a lot more insistent.

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# Behind the scenes at Nairobi

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the Israeli participants.

And the United States was coming to Nairobi determined to play a strong role and to ensure equally strong support from her allies on issues important to the West. America would not tolerate attacks on "U.S. imperialism" and Zionism. Israeli could depend, it was informed, on that alliance.

FRIDAY, JULY 12. Jewish and Israeli women are frustrated, some traumatized, during this first week. Confronting a daily barrage of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic diatribes, the onslaught becomes so pervasive that normally rational minds are provoked to vindictive rebuke. Facts and honest discussion give way to high-pitched emotional outbursts.

African National Congress (ANC) woman: "Israel is systematically stealing Arab land to make room for the black Falasha slaves the Zionists kidnapped. You exploit them for your racist, murderous aims!"

Swedish-Jewish woman: "How can you say that? Ethiopian Jews have prayed to return to the Holy Land for 2,000 years."

Libyan woman: "The Zionist tentacles reach into Africa just like they do in Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. You rape the land and you rape the people. You create chaos and destruction — just look what you've done to Southern Lebanon. Sabra and Shatilla!"

French-Jewish woman: "Look what you've done! You kill each other for generations and blame us! None of you care about the Palestinians. You use them. You're lying!"

The day has already witnessed an emotional and chaotic encounter. In a corner of the campus a blue and white striped tent has been erected to allow women to express themselves in a harmonious, peaceful environment. But this morning, one Arab after another stood to condemn and castigate "the Zionist fascists." Jewish members of the Israeli Communist Rakach party amplified the invective with their own impassioned assaults: "I am a survivor of the Holocaust, and I have to tell you that the Israelis treat the Arabs worse than the Germans treated the Jews!" Other Jewish women, desperate to respond, were ignored by the Egyptian chairperson. Israelis, active in their own peace camp, expecting real dialogue, left the tent shocked and disappointed by the one-sided confrontation.

THURSDAY, JULY 18. The opening Forum is drawing to a close. Nearly two weeks have passed, and

there is an eagerness to try to complete all we have set out for ourselves quickly.

The Jewish and Israeli women are exhausted. Some have needed to "check out" for a day or two, take a quick safari, see the national park, or visit a rural village. The anti-Israeli attacks have become redundant, drummed in with such regularity that shock is no longer feasible. We continue to try to respond whenever possible, entering a room and signing the speakers list long before we know what will be said. We have become selective about where to spend our energy.

It was important to be at the Forum, to make showing. We were better prepared for the arguments and the responses. We had contributed to the general good of the Conference and the advancement of women by our serious participation in workshops dealing with many of the non-political, but often more pressing problems of women and the family. We conducted sessions ourselves, from the Histadrut on Trade Unions and WIZO on Soviet Jewry to Bella Abzug's "If Women Ruled the World."

"Our spirit's sapped"

Still, the pounding applause for the Arab position, shrill hisses accompanying the incessant attacks on Zionism, was something for which few of us were prepared. We were unnerved, our spirits sapped, our energy drained.

But we were not immobilized. The image, for the most part, of the Jewish and Israeli women was positive. We did not sink to wholesale defamation and certainly not to the lies and black fantasies that our counterparts exploited. It probably could be said that we played two very different games: one called softball; the other, hardball.

Despite the threatening and abusive atmosphere, however, there were opportunities for Jewish and Arab women to meet away from the public spotlight. Those encounters, accidental or organized in an attempt to cut through the rhetoric, were in some ways the true success of Nairobi. I was able to participate in a series of meetings of the latter kind, together with Palestinians and Egyptians, American Blacks and Christians, and other Jewish and Israeli women.

The contrast between the Forum and the official Conference is so stark that it takes time to adjust. Men in suits and ties are conspicuously present among female delegations. There are agendas, timetables,

and strict rules of procedure. It is all very serious and business-like.

The harsh rhetoric directed against Israel in the Forum is present here too but more subdued: "The distinguished delegate from Israel," says the Iraqi representative, "lies about improved educational systems in the West Bank. When she states that more schools have been built under occupation than under Jordanian rule, she neglects to inform you of the schools and universities the Israelis have closed down, in grave contradiction to basic human rights, and how many of the young students have been detained!"

According to official Israeli representatives, though, the first week of the United Nations Conference was going far more smoothly than expected. With the contentious political issues deferred to negotiating committees, among them Zionism as racism and paragraphs on Palestinian refugees, there was an opportunity to concentrate on women's subjects. Focusing on these issues, there was a sense of cooperation and positive exchange.

The second week, however, marked a sharp turn to political questions and with it, a change in the overall atmosphere. Israel is singled out in a most ludicrous fashion. Though millions of refugees throughout the world are suffering, Israel alone is vilified for its treatment of Palestinians. The accusation against Israel for "flagrant violations of the human and civil rights of Palestinian refugees" is often made by Arab women who themselves have fewer rights than their sisters in the occupied territories.

FRIDAY, JULY 26. Achieving consensus on the Forward-Looking Strategies is the overriding goal of the Nairobi Conference. That victory had been eluded in Mexico City and Copenhagen when the United States, Israel and other western countries refused to sign those documents over the Zionism is racism reference. Non-binding as they are, the lack of consensus rendered them even more ineffective. By the second week, all activity here has been directed towards the final day and the final vote.

The two major political issues concerning Israel — Zionism and Palestinian refugees — have been the focus of the Israeli delegates' intense activity. They are willing to compromise on the second if they can manage deletion of the first. For them, the bottom line, for which they will walk out of the Conference, is inclusion of Zionism as racism in any portion of the document.

Throughout the Conference their strategy has been to delay, whenever possible,

the Zionist question from coming to a vote. Chances for mustering necessary support for deletion, they believe, will be best in the full plenum at the close of the Conference.

Undercurrents have to be considered. Many believe that the United States, in spite of its commitment to Israel on the Zionism issue, is looking for a way to disrupt the Conference, or at least maneuver themselves out before the final vote. By exploiting the sensitive point of Zionism, one that has strong domestic political support (just a week earlier, the United States Congress voted on a resolution disassociating itself from all international references to Zionism as racism), the Americans might successfully avoid their own confrontation with unfavorable decisions on new economics and South African sanctions.

Soviets want their version

Hoping to isolate and embarrass the United States, the Soviets are working furiously to maintain their version of Paragraph 95 that includes the Zionism reference. The Group of 77 (made up of developing countries) is divided among itself over a number of regional issues (i.e., Iran/Iraq, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Syria/PLO). Iran, Libya, Syria, and other radical states attempt to insert more extreme language, regardless of the sought-after consensus, while Egypt, Mexico, Trinidad, and others work for moderation. The Africans, desperately seeking consensus for adoption of the document and the success of the Conference, strongly support the side of compromise.

FRIDAY, 12:00 NOON. The plenum is full for the first time in several days. The remaining unresolved issues are before the plenary in its final session. We already know the day will be long.

The Israelis are taking no chances, checking themselves for all eventualities. "There should be no problem with our credentials, of course," says Sarah Doron, Israel's chairperson. "But then we cannot ignore the Iranian protest." The Israeli credentials were processed in Jerusalem, and the capital's status can be called into question.

A false alarm, a good exercise. Iran protested. America promised firm support. All credentials passed pro forma with no vote. We cleared the first hurdle.

FRIDAY, 5:00 P.M. Paragraph 95 is on the agenda. By now it has taken on an almost mythical quality. We're in position: the Israeli walk-out statement for the press is prepared, the room for the ad hoc press conference arranged. The

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A key delegate to the United Nations Decade of Women Conference in Nairobi tells of the opposition that had to be overcome to reach the final accord, which made no reference to Zionism and racism.



## LOX BOX

BY MARTIN MOSKOVITZ



### Is it soup yet?

Through the ages, chicken soup has been credited with all kinds of remarkable cures. In fact, it has frequently been touted as a miracle drug by many chicken soup making mothers.

However, so far it has failed to sell real estate. Ask Sylvia Cronin, of Jupiter, Fla. She has been trying to sell her \$60,000 condominium without success. So, in order to sweeten the deal, Mrs. Cronin placed an ad in the Miami Herald, offering a quart of her finest chicken soup every week for a year to the person who buys the condo. This chicken soup, she claims, is the best in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties and its has fantastic curative powers.

When questioned by a reporter as to why she's selling her condo, Mrs. Cronin replied that it's mainly because of her husband's ill health.

Gee, I wonder why she doesn't feed him any of her chicken soup?

### Erog: the fruit of Succot

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is even shorter. Thus during the first three years, the tree is clipped of its fruit to enable the branches to grow strong. Only in the fourth year may the etrog tree finally bear its precious fruit.

From that point on, the etrog tree receives daily care. It is heavily irrigated to enable it to grow in the sandy soil it favors, and trees in an etrog orchard are draped with large black nylon netting to protect them from excessive sunlight and to keep birds and bugs away from its fragile fruit. The trees' limbs are bound to poles which encircle the trees to protect them from harsh winds. The leaves are regularly inspected and pruned to make sure that they do not scratch the fragile fruit.

A grower expects that many etrogim will become damaged during the growing process, therefore a grower will single out those etrogim among his crop which appear most likely to succeed and lavish on them extra special care. "Every etrog is worked on individually," explains a grower in Israel's Kfar Chabad.

For an etrog grower, timing is everything. A story is told of a ship which landed in New York Harbor in the days before the Second World War. Its log reported no storms at sea and no collisions; the crossing from Palestine was calm and uneventful. The trip simply took several days longer than expected, long enough to miss the Succot holiday. The ship's cargo, thousands of etrogim, bound for sale in New York, was now almost worthless.

In Yiddish, "an etrog after Succot" is a synonym for uselessness. But, in reality, the etrog is a highly versatile fruit. Its flesh can be boiled to a pulp, together with oranges and lemons, to make a tasty jam. The Talmud describes a perfume which was extracted from its peel and recommends it as an antidote for snakebite. A dried etrog can be recycled as a sachet in the linen closet, or it can be pierced with cloves to make a spice or besamim, to lighten the heart at the department of the Sabbath.

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Americans confirm they are ready to leave the Conference. They will make their own statement — one that threatens future United States participation in U.N. activity for women.

We need a blocking third to win the deletion. We brace ourselves.

### Drama heightens

It starts slowly, picking up pace as European countries, Mexico, and others make brief statements in coordinated order. One after another declares unequivocally that inclusion of Zionism in this paragraph is unacceptable. Switzerland rises to add that should the paragraph remain, the Swiss will not sign the final document. Canada quickly follows with the same warning, as do the United States and some dozen other western countries.

This incredible demonstration of support was not expected. We were breathless. The roller coaster of emotion had begun, moving some of us, for this moment at least, to tears.

We snap back as Egypt rises to request a ten minute break for regional caucusing. It lasts four and one-half hours.

The Soviets and the Arab bloc, as surprised by the display of opposition to their version of 95 as we are, need time to count their votes and call in their debts.

The Soviets, PLO, and Iran are adamant in their refusal to give in on 95. They press Arab states to stand firm and to begin serious lobbying.

As the first hour turns into the second, the Israelis are encouraged by an unsubstantiated rumor that the PLO has agreed to a compromise. But will the Soviets go along? By the next hour, the question is moot.

Circulating among all 51 African states is a cryptic, strongly phrased, poorly written and mimeographed document, allegedly sent to Nairobi from the just-completed meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa. It calls on the African bloc to support its resolutions which include, in clear terms, that Zionism is racism. The Africans, aware of the United States and European positions, are split.

We are worried now. Attempts to prove the authenticity of the OAU document are futile. The Soviets, confident of this new leverage, send the Arabs to meet the Africans. The Arabs carry a warning: if Africa refuses to support Paragraph 95 with the inclusion of Zionism, the Arab states will not give their support on apartheid.

Clearly underestimating the degree of importance the Africans, particularly the Kenyans, place on the successful

## WITH THE CONGREGATIONS

### Pulpit changes

Rabbi Judah Kogen has been welcomed to the pulpit of Congregation Shearith Israel, Atlanta... Temple B'nai Moshe, Brighton, Mass., has elected Rabbi Ephraim Joshua Greenberg as its spiritual leader... Rabbi Louis M. Tuchman has assumed the pulpit of the Skokie Valley Traditional Synagogue, Skokie, Ill... Rabbi Howard Handler has been elected rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Port Washington, N.Y... The new spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Ridgewood, N.Y is Rabbi Noam Marans... Rabbi William Blank, Temple Emanuel, Irondequoit, Rochester, N.Y suburb, is leaving the congregation after nine years to accept the position as campaign director of the Jewish Federation of Sacramento, CA... Rabbi Jack J. Cohen, who has been living in Israel for the past 27 years, conducted High Holiday services at Congregation Beth Abraham, Bridgeton, N.J.

### Quotation of the week

What is there about these Yamim Noraim that causes some of us rabbis more anxiety than awe, that sends a warning to our families that they had better stay out of our way? Why does Elul, the time for reconciliation, become for so many of us a time for isolation?

Few of us would deny that with all of those people out there, we want to do well. But more than that. For so many of those people out there, this becomes their annual booster shot, and we are the ones administering the homiletical serum. Such an awesome Jewish responsibility!

Awesome — and if stretched too far, unrealistic as well. As one who ardently believes in the power of the sermon to instruct, inspire and provoke, I do not believe in the power of the sermon to commit. Study commits. Worship commits. Tsedekah commits. I plan, therefore, some day to deliver a High Holy Day sermon entitled "The Limits of a High Holy Day Sermon." — Rabbi Jack Stern, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in his first message in the organization's News Letter.

outcome of the Conference, the Arabs have overplayed their hand. "The Africans are boiling mad!" an American confides to us. "This Arab attempt to bully them on their own turf will backfire."

FRIDAY, 11:00 P.M. The plenary is finally called back to order. We resume our familiar positions at the edge of our seats. The tension returns with the rapid beating of our hearts. Within minutes, the head of the Kenyan delegation has the floor. A compromise paragraph replacing "Zionism" with "and all other forms of racism" is suggested. We hold our breath.

First, the Soviet delegate speaks. The USSR will accept the compromise, despite their clearly recorded opposition, if it is approved by consensus, with no vote. Zehdi Terzi of the PLO rises next. He, too, agrees. In his long rhetorical speech he notes his understanding of the wording to mean that "other forms of racism" is Zionism, according to the U.N. General Assembly's interpretation. So, in a spirit of consensus, the PLO will not object. We pinch ourselves.

One or two more Arab states follow with similar pronouncements. European countries rise to give well-deserved praise to the Kenyans who displayed strength of leadership and peace-making skills. Only Iran rejects the proposal outright, but stops short of blocking the consensus.

Margaret Kenyatta, daughter of the founder of the State of Kenya and chairperson of the Conference, enthusiastically pounds the gavel as she declares acceptance of the compromise by con-

sensus.

In the end, there was no vote. "Zionism as racism" was deleted from the "Forward-Looking Strategies" document. There was a vote on Palestinian women and children refugees. We lost that one but not without a strong demonstration of support: 3 "no's" and 29 abstentions. Israel voted, along with every other country represented, to approve by consensus the final document. The Nairobi Women's Conference was over.

Zionism redeemed  
The eradication of the Zionism is racism canard, at least in Nairobi, was a long time coming for Israel and the Jewish people. That we succeeded in defeating this slander does not signal a sea-change in Israel's position at future international forums. Nor does it indicate a moderation of the Soviet-Arab campaign against Zionism. It does, however, suggest that with careful preparation and close coordination with democratic allies, tactical breakthroughs can occur.

There are friendly voices out there who admire Israel as a model for developing nations. Sometimes they can be reached, and as Nairobi demonstrated, so can their governments.

Jewish women, through their persistence and articulation, were able in the end to get through to other women. Zionism was redeemed in Nairobi, but the real victors were the women.

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## The pendulum's direction

The fiendish delight of those who have been predicting the doom of the American Jewish community in criticizing the views and findings of a major American Jewish sociologist, a leader in both the Jewish and non-Jewish field, reveals their nakedness and tears away their major and perhaps only view of Jewish life. The Jewry is doomed theory spawned thousands of editorials in Jewish papers, thousands of sermons, and hundreds of books.

Now all that facade has suddenly been torn away.

So back to the drawing boards must go the doom-sayers. They need a new *raison d'être* — and what's more, they will find one. One doesn't yield his whole life's perception of what is wrong with the Jewish world without damaging personalities and for most of them it is too late in their life to change.

The various facts — yes facts — which these doom-sayers have ignored, since it was so easy to see how empty the synagogues were, will not change them. If thousands of Jewish volumes are being sold to Jews every year (not fiction but serious books on Jewish subjects), if our Jewish schools of all kinds and especially the day schools are thriving, if Israel has the support — or all intents and purposes — of 100 percent of the Jewish community, if Jewish studies programs in our universities are providing in-depth knowledge of Jewish history and thought, if the Jewish birth rate is inching upwards, if all this evidence was ignored, then the error was not the lack of independent thinking, but the age-old Jewish practice, especially in the West, of looking for the worst. It made better editorials and better sermons and influenced larger audiences to tear away at the decline in observance of *kashrut* or the shift from the Sabbath as a day of rest to a day of recreation.

So the good and the bad are there, but the difference is in which way the pendulum is swinging, and Silberman believes it is swinging one way and the doom-sayers believe it is still swinging another.

If nothing else, Silberman's book will lead to a general reassessment, and that is long overdue.

## The farmer threat

The 20/20 broadcast on the inroads of anti-Semitism in the depreciated farm belt has aroused more Jewish concern than any similar exposure of attacks on Jews in a long time. Logically, the Jewish defense agencies, headed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, have sought to defuse the threat.

There was actually nothing new in the 20/20 broadcast. The ADL was on top of the situation, as was the FBI, and the most threatening of the leaders are either on trial or already serving jail terms. They were convicted of murder (the Jewish talk show host in Denver), arson (the lone Jewish synagogue in Bloomington, IN) and or robbing and murder in an armored car robbery.

What was new here was that this was a major national TV program, and instead of reading about the threats to Jews, it was visualized for them by a sophisticated TV program.

## P-O columnist publishes booklet

RESEDA, Calif. — Columns by Samantha Lindblad have been rewritten into a booklet titled, "Trials and Tribulations of a Convert," and published by Language Products Co. The firm is headed by Raymond Shaw-

stad, himself a convert to Judaism. It also has republished Trude Weiss-Rosmarin's "Why Judaism."

The books are available for \$2 each by writing to P.O. Box 1667, Reseda, Calif. 91335.

The one Jewish weekly in America which has practically no inhibitions and prints the facts as it knows them is The Northern California Jewish Bulletin of San Francisco. If we had the courage of Marc Klein, the editor, and his staff we'd print something like the below which is from the April 12 issue of their paper.

### Singles hear advice on sexually-transmitted diseases

By PAUL FREEMAN

Special to the Bulletin

Discussions of "the love bug" these days most likely center on rashes rather than romance as Bay Area singles agonize over the rapid spread of sexually-transmitted diseases.

Knowledge is the best treatment for fears of contagion, believes Sandy Slosberg, chief nurse for an obstetrics and gynecology group, Ellen J. Stein and Associates, in Palo Alto.

Slosberg recently addressed the subject in a talk for Mid-Peninsula Jewish Singles at Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame.

"We see all kinds of sexual diseases coming in," said Slosberg. "and these people are very ill-informed."

"I was one of the originators of the Mid-Peninsula Jewish Singles group in 1980. I went to their New Year's Day brunch this year and was talking casually to a group of men and women about VD and sexually-transmitted disease. And I was astounded, because they didn't know anything. They had never even heard of chlamydia."

"The attitude on the part of some of the men really shocked me. Some of them just didn't seem to care — it wasn't important. They thought they were somehow safe, so they didn't want to hear about it. I said, 'I think this group needs to be informed. You don't know what's going around. You should be aware.'"

"Enough people showed an interest, so I said, off-handedly, 'One of these days I should give a lecture on it.' They took me up on it. So I hit the books and pamphlets and did my homework."

"At the meeting, we had about 20 people, mostly women. We sat in a circle. Everyone felt free to speak out. No one was embarrassed."

Slosberg got their attention quickly: "I told them the story of a patient in our office, a cute little thing who comes in once a month. She's always got some kind of infection. Last time she came in, we checked her and she had trichomonas. She gave her partners my name. So 10 guys called up and wanted to know what disease she had, what doctor to see, what to do. And I thought, 'Dear God! One little gal with 10 guys.'"

The singles group was unfamiliar with trichomonas. "The male, who has no symptoms, will transmit it to the female. Both partners have to be treated. The problem

is, sometimes the man doesn't want to take the medicine, because it will make you violently ill if you drink alcohol and they don't want to give up their drink. But if they don't take it, they'll keep giving the disease to the female."

"They also didn't know about chlamydia, though it's the most prevalent of the sexually-transmitted diseases today. It's called the 'silent partner.' Over 80 percent of the people have chlamydia — a bacteria that causes an infection in the genital tract of males and females — have no symptoms."

"If it goes untreated, you may suddenly have excruciating pain. Men and women can become sterile. It's really dangerous to pregnant women. It can affect the fetus. So, it's really a cause for concern, especially for younger people who'll want to have families. And 45 percent of teenagers on birth control have chlamydial infections."

Slosberg finds that everybody wants to talk about herpes. "Truthfully, it's not as bad as everybody thinks. People are frightened. They think it's horrible like the plague and someone who has it is untouchable. That's not true. Herpes can't be cured, but it can be treated. There's a brand new oral medication out for it."

"It's transmitted by people who either don't know they have it — because it's just starting or finishing — or by people who aren't home with their partners."

The mainly heterosexual males and females in the Jewish singles group were less concerned with AIDS than with the venereal diseases syphilis and gonorrhea.

Slosberg pointed out that there was a correlation between stress and sexually-transmitted diseases. "If you have high stress, you're more susceptible to such things as venereal warts and herpes."

With any of these conditions, early diagnosis is helpful. "Sexually active people, especially if you have more than one partner, should be checked for sexually-transmitted diseases every three to six months, even if you don't have any symptoms," Slosberg recommended. "If you have only one partner, you should still be checked so you won't keep passing it back and forth — that's called the 'yo-yo syndrome.'"

The greater the level of promiscuity, the greater the risk of disease. After hearing some of the more horrifying symptoms described, a couple of men in the group vowed to abstain altogether. Slosberg suggested less drastic measures.

"You have to be careful. You have to take precautions. It's important that both partners wash before and after sexual activity with soap and water. And they should urinate after. That gets rid of a lot of germs." Not many people knew that.

"Although people are not crazy about the method, one of the best ways to avoid catching most diseases is by using condoms. That way, there is no direct contact with mucous membranes," Slosberg said.

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## Blaming the messenger for the message

Editor, POST and OPINION:

In a time when Jewish survival is once again endangered from a number of different threats, the "Agudas Harabonim" sees fit to direct its energy against the path to Torah adopted by fellow-Jews. "God-forbid," declare these "teachers of Torah" "that a Jew should pray in the wrong place."

I realize that this is a paid advertisement but, a newspaper seeking to be a responsible voice for all the Jewish community ought to think about using a little more discretion in selecting ads which strain the already weakened seams of that community.

**RABBI WILLIAM BLANK**  
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Editor, POST and OPINION:

I am utterly flabbergasted by the advertisement put in the Jewish Post and Opinion by the Agudas Harabonim warning Jews "not to pray in Reform or

Conservative Temples."

Who do they think they are telling me where I should or should not pray? What arrogance! Is theirs the "only true religion"? Will G-d not hear those who pray in a temple where, heaven forbid, I can sit next to my wife and daughters?

Until I read the advertisement I had respected the Orthodox ways. Now that respect is gone. In these days of growing anti-Semitism the Orthodox want to create a schism between Jews when unity is needed. And the Union of Orthodox Rabbis claim to be men of G-d. What a joke!!

**EPHRAIM A. MOXSON**  
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Editor, POST and OPINION:

Freedom of the press is one thing. Accepting advertisements which proclaim "causeless enmity" are quite another matter.

We all know that "sinat hinam" brought about the

destruction of our Holy Temple. The warning which you advertise, sponsored by Agudas Harabonim, is a disgrace and a scandal.

When will the principles for which Judaism stands prevail over the advertising dollars that publishers and editors of newspapers crave?

For several years we have subscribed on behalf of our Board of Directors to your newspaper. I will think twice as hard next time before we will do so again.

**ISRAEL C. STEIN**  
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Editor, POST and OPINION:

Evidently, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis forgot that one of the calls of the Shofar is for the Jewish People to unite. Its advertisement in your issue of September 11 contributes to the divisiveness of the Jewish community.

**JEROME G. VOGEL**  
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## The tenets of Mormon theology

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Over the past several weeks, there have been letters to the editor and articles regarding the construction of a building in Jerusalem "for educational purposes" by the Mormons. I have two basic observations based upon living in Salt Lake City for 10 years and studying the historical development and polyphetic origins of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).

First, it is always the intent of active Mormons (which includes all workers in an

overseas installation, such as Jerusalem) to seek proselytes (as they are fond of calling them) to the Mormon religion. Regardless of any assurances given to the Israeli government, my experience suggests a need to doubt the veracity of any LDS spokesman who states that they are not going to actively proselytize Israelis.

Secondly, many people, including some members of Christian churches, consider

the Mormons to be a Christian denomination. This is emphatically not the case. They deny the basic Biblical tenets of Christianity, are admitted polytheists and believe that they can become gods in the hereafter.

Identification with Christianity by a cult does not mean the cult's beliefs are "Christian."

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## Editor's Chair

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"The most important thing is to know your partner. Discuss the subject before you get into a relationship. Young people are not n' heavy and passionate. Sure, talking about this is a turn-off. But you don't have to do it right at the time. You can discuss it a few days before that, when you're learning about each other."

According to Slosberg, the major question asked by the singles was, "How do you inquire about other people's sexual behavior without offending?"

"You have to come right out and talk to the person," she stresses. "Ask them. You say, 'Is there anything you have that I might catch?' There are lots of ways of saying it."

"I was surprised at the men. I thought they didn't want to talk about this with their partners at all, that they'd be embarrassed or think it was really n'rvy to ask. But the men at the meeting said they thought if a female didn't ask, that meant she didn't care, wasn't interested. One man stated that if the female didn't ask him if he had something, then he thought she wasn't good enough. He thought he'd get something from her."

"The best thing is to just be open. There's a real trust involved. You have to hope the

other person is going to be honest with you. And you have to be honest with them."

**YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING** as beautiful in the way of Jewish art reproductions as are printed in two new calendars and a third of colored Old Hebrew Manuscripts, and if you do not fall in love with them at first glance, then you do not appreciate color and art, and we are not using hyperbole when we state this. The three items are available from Golden Graphics, 35 Bridge Path, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021, and they probably will make ideal gifts to your rabbi or any friend who values faithful reproductions of ancient painting and Jewish museum objects. The Manuscripts and the Ketubahs that are woven around one of the calendars were printed by W. Turnowsky, Ltd., 15 Nachmani St., Tel Aviv, and they are the equal of anything done anywhere from the standpoint of art printing. The one calendar is by the Jewish Museum of New York and serves as a date book, and is compared of course of selected items from the museum in full color.

## A plea for Jewish unity

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Throughout my rabbinic career, I have always stressed the need for unity, within Jewish ranks during this period of the High Holidays and Succoth, it is essential that we Jews unite. If Jews do not stand up for each other no one else will.

Recent episodes, such as the infamous message delivered by Minister Louis Farrakhan in Los Angeles, underlines the historic urgency for all Jews of all denominations: Reform, Reconstruction, Conservative and Orthodox, to unite. Anti-Semitism has raised its ugly head in America!

We are reminded of how Adolf Hitler's lies spread and poisoned society. It is not too late for Christian organizations with vast media exposure to set the record straight in the farm lands of middle America. It is not too late for the leadership of the black community to denounce Farrakhan and his vicious lies.

We Jews have always pledged peace, "Shalom." A recent incident regarding the trip by Rabbi Emily Korzenik to Cracow, Poland, has caused a great rift within the Jewish community. Perhaps she meant well in accompanying the Bar Mitzvah lad and his family to this once flourishing center of European Jewish life. However, from the media coverage the entire world now sees that a rift exists

between the Orthodox traditionalists and the Reform and Reconstructionists. Rabbi Nahum Elbaum believing that he was defending the tenets of Orthodoxy tried not to allow Rabbi Korzenik to officiate in any way. I would have hoped that a method could have been found to allow Rabbi Korzenik to participate in the service in a way which would not have been offensive to Orthodox Judaism.

For those who are unaware, Poland, during the times of the Nazi atrocities, was the community that aided and abetted the Nazis in the mass murder of innocent Jews. I would have preferred not to have given free publicity to a country that is and was well known to have been anti-Semitic. It would have been preferable to have seen this young man and the Rabbi travel to Israel to perform this wonderful ceremony.

Let us together search for unity among our ranks. Let us stop fighting among each other. There is room in this world for Jews of all denominations and all beliefs. What is needed is compassion, understanding and brotherly love. Too many want to destroy us. Let us unite to save Judaism.

**RABBI BERNHARD H. ROSENBERG**  
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## Kahane: Our beloved son

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Again the denunciations and haters of Rabbi Meir Kahane have taken up the pen in The Post & Opinion to besmirch and vilify this supernaturalist and zealot. It is hardly necessary to apprise readers of the P&O as to the activities and program of this modern-day Bar Kochba.

In the P-O of August 28, there was a report of the Hadassah convention recently held in Washington, where Hyman Bookbinder of the American Jewish Committee delivered an address. In discussing the current state of affairs between the Blacks and the Jews in this country, Mr. Bookbinder called both Louis Farrakhan and Meir Kahane "cancers of the body politic." He further said that Kahane was denounced by twelve major national Jewish organizations for "racism and demagoguery" and that Kahane "is an open hateful Jewish bigot who insists that he is the only true defender of Judaism and Israel."

It is indeed painful to have to comment on such scur-

rilous, unfounded accusations made by a so-called Jewish leader against one of our beloved sons whose heart bleeds when Jews are murdered and Jewish institutions are attacked by Arabs and others.

Not long ago, Farrakhan called Judaism a "gutter religion" and spewed anti-Semitic poison on everything Jewish and pro-Israel. By comparing Kahane with Farrakhan, Mr. Bookbinder has excluded himself from being a concerned Jewish spokesman.

It is the apex of chutzpah (arrogance) to compare Farrakhan to Kahane, a family man who has languished many months in various prisons in Israel because he defended Jews and the land of Israel that he loves with all his Jewish heart.

It is both saddening and disheartening that self-hating Jews have assumed leadership in American-Jewish organizations.

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Run, Rudy, run

The fastest senator when it comes to foot racing turns out to be Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.) who was the first senator to finish the three-mile Nike Capital Challenge foot race in Washington's East Potomac Park. The Minnesota senator, who may not credit his effort to allegiance to Lubavitch in recent years, outsprinted Sen. Jake Garn (R.-Utah) and Sen. Richard Lugar (R.-Ind.).



### Mazel tov, Al!

Al Rosen didn't spend much time off the payroll as he was released by the Houston Astros as general manager and hired by the San Francisco Giants in the same post. The 61-year-old former Cleveland slugger and third baseman led the American league in home runs — 37 — in 1950. Three years later he raised that figure to 43, and was voted the league's Most Valuable Player. He has been picked as the third baseman on a number of All-Star all-time teams. "Here comes the one Jewish kid that every Jew in the world can be proud of..." was the opinion he wanted the world to have of him. He is a member of the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

### Pertman's pearls



Even on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Itzhak Perlman the violinist, doesn't perform. He was invited to play at the White House concert opening Inspire '85, a five-day event focusing on leisure, sports and the arts for the disabled. The polio victim who rose to world eminence in his field has often appeared at the White House, and as often has lobbied for the disabled.



While the Jewish public and the public at large were hardly enthusiastic about the TV series, "Heritage: Civilization and the Jews," not so the American Cinema, Television and Science Academy, who award the Emmies. They chose episodes 4 and 8 of the series for excellence of script and music at the annual award ceremonies for a total of three Emmies. Abba Eban, who narrated the script which was written from his book by the same name, accepted the awards.

### Israeli's hoopsters

Not one but two Israelis will be contending for spots on the starting five of George Washington University. They are 6 foot 6 inch forward Mordechai (Moti) Daniel and 6 foot 9 inch center Menachem Atlas. While George Washington is hardly in the class of Georgetown University when it comes to the cage game, it has high hopes as new coach John Kuester takes over.

### Monkey business

Abandoned by their parents at Ramat Gan safari park, these two chimpanzees are making their home with Anat Lahav until they are able to take care of



themselves. They are Leben, 2½ months, and Choco, 3 months, and seem well-adapted to their new home, diapers and all.



A woman changes her old shekels for new ones at an Israeli bank. Note the primitive but functional handbag. She certainly needed it. She got just one shekel for a thousand old ones.

## CONTEST

### Do you know who's who?

#### THE CLUE:

He is a past steward of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

In World War II he rose to the captaincy in the U.S. Army.

He comes from a city which is the breeding ground for presidents of the Council of Jewish Federations.

He was president of the Baltimore Orioles.

Here's a contest you may find interesting, and if you win, you will receive a six-month extension on your subscription. Each week there will be a clue to a well-known Jewish personality. In following weeks until someone guesses who it is, additional clues — each more enlightening — will be published. Responses must be made by mail. In case of a tie, each winner will receive the prize.

The person whose identity is finally known is ineligible, and hopefully he will not give himself or herself away and will let the contest play to its conclusion.

